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Police raid PM's office in fraud probe

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's director-general designate, Moshe Leon, is to be questioned in an investigation involving document forgeries, police

Channel 1 reported that police raided the Prime Minister's Office about two weeks ago to seize documents as part of the probe.

The probe reportedly involves a discovery by the State Comptroller's Office that a request by the immigrant support group, Mofet, for NIS 2 million, was submitted three months past a government-set deadline but was approved nonetheless.

Israel Radio reported that police suspect that Zev Geiser, Netanyahu's adviser on immigrant absorption, who once headed Mofet, had requested that the application be given priority, and the application was then stamped retroactively with a forged postal

Netanyahu's office refused to comment on the reports.

Police spokeswoman Linda Menuhin confirmed that Geiser was questioned several times, and that Leon would be questioned

Mennhin said that police came to the offices of Leon and another ial two weeks ago and confiscated documents.

Last week police had reportedly indicting recommended Lieberman for embezzlement, for allegedly not repaying most of a loan provided by Gesher Aliya, another immigrant support group, that he headed.

Meretz MK Ran Cohen last night asked Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to investigate any connection between Mofet and Gesher Aliya.

According to Channel 1's report, the police have been secretly investigating suspicious of illegal financial aid to Mofet for some time, at Rubinstein's instructions.

About two weeks ago, police detectives with a court order reportedly arrived Leon's office and the office of Gilead Arden, an assistant of Lieberman's.

The detectives reportedly seized documents concerning Mofet. Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz told Channel 1 that police were investigating the affair in conjunction with the state attorney

and the state comptroller. Sarah Honig adds: A senior source in the Prime-Minister's Office maintained last night that police had unequivocally confirmed that Leon was under "no shadow of suspicion whatso-

Five to be charged for Maccabiah disaster

By BATSHEVA TSUR and ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Five unspecified people will be indicted for the July 14 bridge collapse at the Maccabiah Games that killed four Australian athletes and injured 64, State Attorney

Edna Arbei announced yesterday. The decision came after a fourhour meeting between Arbel and Tel Aviv District Attorney for Affairs Miriam

Arbel said she would "present indictments against a number of people," without giving names.

among those to be charged are the bridge's engineer and contractors, as well as the games' organizer.

The two contractors responsible for building the bridge, Baruch Karagula and Yehoshua Ben-Ezra, are expected to be charged with homicide through negligence. Others likely to be indicted are,

Dr. Micha Bar-Ilan, the engineer who planned the bridge and approved it after completion; Yoram Eyal, chairman of the Maccabiah organizing committee; and Adam Mishorin of Irgunit, the company responsible

Responding announcement. Deputy Edu-cation Minister Moshe Peled said last night: "I congratulate the police and the State Attorney's Office on their responsible work

and for speeding up the process."

Colin Elterman, father of 15year-old Sacha Elterman, who is fighting for her life after suffering serious injuries in the collapse, said he thought that senior World Maccabi officials should be among those tried for the acciIsrael Television's "Second Look" program, Elterman said; "We are very keen that the people be tried, not just the little people, but rather the whole organizational staff at

looked at by somebody, so that this doesn't happen again, and also as a lesson to other organiza-Elterman charged that the

Maccabi World Union needs to be

Maccabi organization's approach so far was "pathetic." "Right from the beginning, even from a moral aspect, no one said

sorry, no one apologized, no one

organization, there is no future [for the Maccabiah]."
Adam Zines, whose father
Warren was killed in the accident.

inquiries," he said.

said: "I believe things could have happened a lot quicker than they did. I understand there's a bureaucratic and judicial process that has to be gone through, but in terms of compensation, Australia asked

Elterman contended that "unless

there's a major cleanout of the

compensation from the [Israeli] government and the Maccabi World Union; it wasn't

forthcoming."
A report issued after a probe conducted in July blamed the disaster on a chain of negligence, from faulty planning through

incompetent building.
Peled said at the time that the accident showed a deteriorating Israeli society.

"Lives are lost because of total lack of respect, disdain, and Indifference," said Peled. "Our society must be changed by education. We tend to say, 'We'll cross that bridge when we come to it.' This time we failed, and didn't even

Cabinet OKs second pullout Panel to work out details next week • PA response mixed • Naveh, Arad to brief Mubarak today

Strikes continue

Garbage remains strewn all over a Tel Aviv sidewalk yesterday as sanitation workers refused to remove it, in protest against the city's hiring of private contractors. The contractors were hired to assure daily garbage collection. Meanwhile, Histadrut-led wideranging strikes across the public sector enter their second day today. The National Labor Court is expected to issue back-to-work orders for many of the strikers. Related stories,

of geographical and chronological government announced its willingness yesterday to order an IDF withdrawal from unspecified areas of the West Bank until a "permanent arrangement" goes into effect. With 16 ministers voting in

favor and two abstaining -

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, both from the NRP - a special team to be headed by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was authorized to draw up the requisite maps and timetables for implementation of the decision.

The team - which besides the prime minister will consist of Foreign Minister David Levy, Defense Minister Mordechai and Yitzbak National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon - was instructed to submit its recommendations for cabinet approval.

The goal is for the team to report to the government next week," said Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh. Naveh stressed that implementa-

tion of the troop redeployment hinges on fulfillment of the commitments undertaken by the Palestinian Authority as appended to the Hebron Agreement last January.

Once the ministerial team submits its recommendations, the

In a declaration of intent bereft its plan for a permanent arrangement," a communique said.

This plan will include "security zones deemed vital to the State of Israel, areas of settlement and other interests, including water and Jewish historical sites," it weni on.

The communique's sole reference to a timetable was vague and

non-binding, declaring only that "after reaching decisions on this

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subject the government will decide on the way it will implement the interim measures." The resolution also contained an

unequivocal expression of support for the West Bank settlements. The government will take all the

necessary measures for their existence and strengthening," it said.
These measures will be designed

to "reduce points of friction between Israeli settlers and local Palestinian residents and increase the security of both populations" words that could be interpreted to mean enlarging the existing settle-ments and building more bypass roads around Palestinian towns

and villages. Israel Radio said Naveh and

cabinet "will conduct a thorough - Netanyahu's political adviser Uzi discussion and will crystallize first Arad would travel to Egypt today to brief Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his top adviser Osama el-Baz on the proposal.

Naveh said contact also will be made with the US, Jordan, and other countries.

Sources close to Sharon not only indicated their satisfaction with the meeting's outcome, but contended that it reflected his proposals of a week ago.

One of the points he raised, which the cabinet will consider, is that if Arafat should declare an independent Palestinian state, Israel immediately would annex the projected security zones (including the Jordan Valley), set-

tlements, access roads and mili-Sharon also urged his cabinet colleagues to tour the areas to be designated as security zones as soon as possible, a proposal unstintingly endorsed by

Netanyahu. Naveh explained that the extent of the proposed troop redeployment will encompass the first and

second pullbacks required by the Osio Accords. The cabinet secretary confirmed that if the Palestinians

defer or reject the proposals due to emerge from the ministerial team's deliberations the consequence will be a delay in the next troop pullback.

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Global-warming conference expected to expose world's poor-rich gaps

WORLDVIEW

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - The gathering today of delegations from some 160 nations in Kyoto, ments like that this ways and the statement of the st Japan, to formulate targets for cuts in greenhouse gas emissions is expected to expose some of the yawning gaps between the humanity's rich and poor.

If rich nations are to slash energy consumption, they might have to go easy on refrigerators, cars, air-conditioners, washines and televisions. washing

If poor nations did the same, hundreds of millions of people might have to live without even



Expect more compelling arguments like that this week, as the developing world comes under

which cause global warming. At stake is Washington's binding obligations

By JOHN CHALMERS

without "meaningful" participation from "key developing countries." Since the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio, the world's wealthy states have agreed to shoulder the burden of fighting global warming, while the others concentrate on econom-

ic development. But Washington has set the scene for heated debate. With the US by far the worst offender on greenhouse gases - responsible for around a quarter of them worldwide - developing nations say such a stance is unfair and effectively excludes them from

future economic growth. "We're willing to reduce emissions but we are not willing to have commitments, because we pressure to make commitments on are simply not able to make a reducing emissions of gases commitment at this stage," said

Sharmila Srikanth of the Center for Global Environment Research in New Delhi.

The group, part of the non-governmental organiza-tion Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), is heading for Kyoto armed with a wad of media-friendly reasoning to back its case.

Many argue, for example, that nations with vast populations should contribute to such a major global interest. China and India, with about 40 percent of the world's people and adding tens of millions to the total every year, are a case in point.

But the Center for Global Economic Research say that while gy-producing technologies.

the US population grows by only three million a year, it is effectively adding 120 million in develop-ing-world terms because US percapita consumption of energy is 40 times higher.

Developing nations will also use the "polluter pays principle" argument at Kyoto, pointing out that even though the rich nations may agree to cut their emissions to or below 1990 levels by around 2010, much damage has already

Srikanth said the developed economies' cumulative share of carbon dioxide emissions between 1870 and 1986 was 65 percent.

M.S. Swaminathan, an eminent environmental expert in India, said India and China should work together to insist on per capita measurements for differentiated responsibilities. In an interview with Frontline

magazine, he said they should also push for industrialized nations to transfer efficient and clean ener-

Activists: Include AIDS

World marks AIDS Day:

medication in health basket

By JUDY SIEGEL

Activists will mark World AIDS Day today with a noon demonstration opposite the Knesset to protest, the Treasury's refusal to cover the costs of the drug "cocktail" that

slows the progress of the HIV virus. Health organizations and support groups around the globe are today marking World AIDS Day, while newly released UN data indicates that the battle against the epidemic is far from won.

The Israel Coalition of AIDS Organizations argues that all patients would get the medications should the Treasury allocate NIS 45 million a year, "the cost of an F-15 jet's wing," as one activist put it. The drugs have cut the mortality rate from the disease in the US by

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza said he will fight for the inclusion of AIDS drugs in the basket of health services. While the drugs are Minister Shlomo Benizri for saying years.

expensive, Matza said, hospitalizing AIDS patients who don't receive the cocktail is even more

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said he would include the AIDS cocktail in the basket of health services provided that other medications are removed from it. The Health Ministry spends NIS

8.5m. a year on fighting AIDS. This sum includes information campaigns and blood testing but not hospitalization of patients and the operation of the AIDS hospice at

Sheba Hospital.
Meretz MKs Ran Cohen and Dedi Zucker have demanded that the AIDS drugs and other medications for cancer and diabetes patients be supplied by all the

health funds. The two have submitted a bill that would revise the medications list provided by national health insurance. They attacked Deputy Health

recently that the government shouldn't subsidize the AIDS cocktail because such a measure would "prolong the patients' lives and increase the cost of treating them." "It's wrong for the fate of patients to be sacrificed by people with backward, superstitious ideas as those of MK Benizri," Cohen

Meanwhile, MK Eitan Cabel (Labor) has proposed a bill that would define infecting someone with HIV as "attempted murder" if the victim was not informed in advance that the perpetrator was infected. The Beersheba District Court

recently ruled that the act of a 33year-old HIV carrier who had sex with a 16-year-old girl and infected her with the disease was equivalent to deliberately shooting someone in the head. Currently, the punishment for knowingly infecting someone with a serious disease is only three

NEWS

in brief

Palestinian detainee ends hunger strike

Palestinian administrative detainee Ataef Alian ended her 41day hunger strike yesterday after receiving assurances from the Palestinian Authority that Israel would review her case for release from prison, Army Radio said.

Alian served 10 years in prison in the 1980s for involvement in plans to blow up a government building in eastern Jerusalem and for attacking a prison guard. She had been released earlier Jerusalem Post Staff

1 dead, 21 hurt in accidents

A man was killed and 10 people were hurt, five seriously, in a serial accident yesterday morning on Route 4 near the Mesubim

According to police, a gravel truck skidded and overturned as it ascended the Mesubim bridge. A second truck failed to break in time and hit the overturned truck. A third truck carrying chickens braked to avoid them and several crates of chickens fell off the truck onto two cars passing alongside.

A fourth truck braked to avoid the mess, and fell on its side, while a fifth truck that braked fell off the road into a ditch. Six people suffered injuries in a collision in Bat Yam on Saturday night. Five people suffered injuries in a head-on collision in lower Galilee.

Jerusalem mayor nomination draws flak

The Labor Party's Jerusalem district reacted with shock yesterday to reports that party leaders had approached Maj.-Gen. Yoram Yair, former military attache in Washington, to run for mayor in Jerusalem, without first consulting with local activists. District secretary Haim Cohen said that "with all due respect to whoever made the offer, and with all due respect to the candidate, the only ones to determine this should be the district [members]. I'm angry at those who thought they were dealing here with some small town; we have our institutions, and only in consultation with us will the candidate be determined.

MK Ophir Pines, who is active in the district, agreed with Cohen's criticism but thought that running Yair is a good idea.

Top Turkish agriculture officials arrive today

Turkish Agriculture Minister Mustafa Tasar and a group of 35 businessmen from the agriculture sector are due to arrive here today to exchange views on agriculture technology. Tasar is to especially bring businessmen from Turkey's southeast concerning the country's \$32 billion Southeastern Anatolia Project, which will give life to the country's water-poor area by constructing giant irrigation channels and numerous dams. The delegation will return to Turkey on Thursday. Metchan Demir

Argentina's defense minister visits

Argentina's Defense Minister Jorge Dominguez is to be received by an honor guard and a full military ceremony at the Defense Ministry headquarters in Tel Aviv this morning as he begins a week-long visit.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is to later brief him on the IDF and the security situation in the region. Following his briefing, Dominguez is slated to visit Israel Aircraft Industries. During his visit, Dominguez is to visit IDF bases and other Arieh O'Sullivan

Opposition condemns cabinet vote

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak said yesterday's cabinet decision on further redeployment is "totally irrelevant. It has nothing to do with the peace process. This government is like a group of people sitting in a hot-air balloon playing chess with itself and then announcing that it won 16-2."

Barak said, however, that he would not cooperate with the Land of Israel Front in any scheme to bring down the government via what he termed "another stinking maneuver. So long as I head this party there will be no stinking maneuvers. This government has to brought down, brought down fast, and the earlier we schedule new elections the better."

Meretz whip Haim Oron said his party would file a no-confidence motion against the prime minister over the cabinet decision. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is only pretending to be furthering the process.

There are no negotiations and no peace.

Meretz will only support steps which are agreed on in advance with the Palestinian Authority and the US Administration. Unilateral steps by the Israeli government are not for real and have no chance," Sarid

The Labor faction in the Knesset is expected to meet this afternoon to discuss the diplomatic ramifications of the cabinet decision, which Labor whip Ra'anan Cohen

He said Labor would also discuss submitting a no-confidence motion and invited all MKs and parties disappointed in the prime minister to vote against him.

MK Dalia Itzik who heads the Labor Party's response team said: "The government led by Netanyahu continues to play its dangerous games. Instead of taking a decision it decides not to decide and meanwhile the security and diplomatic situation are deteriorating and the split and lack of trust between the US and Israel are increasing. The government under Netanyahu succeeds

in only one thing. Not succeeding."
Third Way whip Yehuda Harel called on

called "the continued burial of the peace. Labor "to ignore narrow political interests and to support Netanyahu in carrying out the

second further redeployment."

The party issued a statement saying the Third Way supported the commutation of the process of separating from the Palestinians

"and will examine the government's actions Likud spokeswoman Ronit Eekstein rejected the opposition's complaints about the cabinet decision saying: "It is difficult for Labor to accept the fact that while the left-wing parties sing and dream about peace, it is only the Likud government

which furthers a stable and safe peace

agreement. Sarah Honig contributed to this report.

Land of Israel Front abstains from no-confidence motion

By LIAT COLLINS

MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher), who heads the Land of Israel Front caucus, said last night that despite earlier reports the front's MKs would not join in the no-confidence motion yet.

Kleiner said the government's decision did not mean a large redeployment at this stage and a with-drawal was conditional on Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat abiding by all his commitments – "which I doubt he'll do" - and talks on the perma-

"I certainly wouldn't have agreed to this type of decision, but as long as there was no clear promise to withdraw for nothing in return, there is no reason to join the opposition in toppling the government at this time," Kleiner said.

He said Labor MK Ra'anan Cohen had approached him to ask for his support in bringing the gov-ernment down and that he had said he would if there was a decision to make a unilateral withdrawal without the principle of reciprocity.

Kleiner told Cohen it would be easier if the no-confidence motion was submitted by Moledet rather than by the opposition. Cohen said it might be possible if the text of the motion were agreed on in

Kleiner said he did not know who. leaked the discussion between him and Cohen but that it might have belped put pressure on the prime:

minister when he realized there were enough people willing to go the whole way to bring him down. Committee Knesset Law Shaul Chairman (National Religious Party) called on the Land of Israel Front not to collaborate with the opposition and to join forces with the NRP to ensure the government decision is fully carried out, in particular the part making it conditional that Arafat fully abide by all his commitments before Israel takes any

NRP whip Hanan Porat said his party did not support the government's decision, because it did not demand immediately advancing to permanent status talks.

However, he said he did not oppose it because the prime minister had stood by his promise that taking any step would be condi-tional on Arafat fulfilling his obligations from the Hebron Agreement and that the redeployment would take place only after Israel formulates its principles on the permanent arrangements.

"Going on his previous record, it is reasonable to assume that again this time Arafat will not abolish the Palestinian Covenant and will not hand over murderers and so on," Porat said.

Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi said he was "shocked and disappointed" by what he called "the defeatist stand" by Tsomet and NRP ministers at the cabinet meet-

their constituents want at this

"If you block out all the extra-

neous noise," said one longtime

settlement activist, "if you block

out Bar-On and Mashaal and the

Likud wrangling, Netanyahu is

doing what we wanted him to do:

slowing down and changing

The settlement movement is in a

schizophrenic period. Eighteen

months after Netanyahu's elec-

tion, they have still not decided

whether to support or fight him.

This ambivalence was over-

whelmingly evident at Saturday

night's rally, with some placards

reading "Netanyahu: the people gave, the people can take," while

others read "Bibi is good for the

The only threat to Netanyahu

from the right is that words can

take on a life of their own and cre-

ate a dynamic that is hard to stop.

Kleiner and Moshe Peled contin-

ue talking about how it is better to

topple Netanyahu than to give up

parts of Eretz Yisrael, other MKs

for completely different reasons -

may see this as a golden opportu-

nity to get back at him, and wrap

their vengeance in an ideological

Heaven knows, Netanyahu has

enough internal enemies. As of

who have it in for Netanyahu

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Settler mayors back PM

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Seeking a different agenda and "a united front," mayors from Judea, Samaria and Gaza affiliated with the Likud Party met with former director general of the Prime Minister's Office Avigdor

Lieberman yesterday. "The forum of Likud members met to discuss ways of strengthening our support for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his decision to go ahead with the with-drawal," said Givat Zeev Mayor-Shaul Mizrahi

Six of the mayors are to meet with Netanyahu today.

A statement issued by the forum at the meeting's conclusion stressed that while the forum supported Netarryahu's second-stage withdrawal plan, it insisted that it be part of future discussions regarding security and civilian issues in Judea and Samaria communities.

"It should be made clear that the Palestinians must be forced to uphold their side of the agreement," added Mizrahi.

The forum also recommended adopting the Alon Plus plan as a basis for the final status talks.

Those present at the meeting included Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel, former Likud director general Asher Kadosh; Kirvat Arba Mayor Zvi Katsover and Ariel Mayor Ron Lachman. The mayors here comprise 80.

percent obsthes communities in Judea and Samaria," said Mizashi.!

Meanwhile, Yesha spokeswoman Yebudit Tayar charged that while it appeared the forum was intent on causing a division between the council and settlers,

ple the government over Hebron. their move was understandable. "Many of those present at the meeting took part in the demonstration outside Netanyahu's home on Saturday night. The mayors ale concerned about the situation and have dual loyalties to the party and to the residents of Judea and Samaria," she said.

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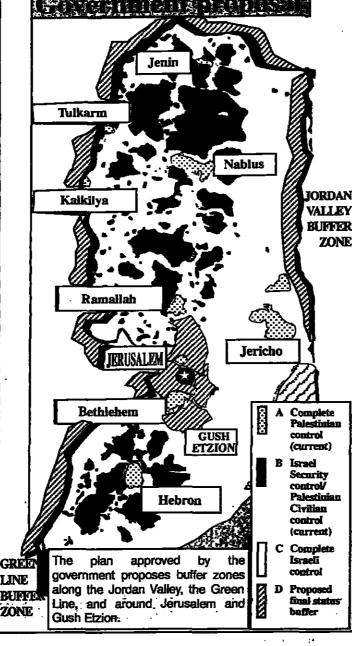
Lamia Lahoud, Mohammed Najib, and Margot Dudkevitch

The Palestinians had mixedreactions to the cabinet decision. Several Palestinian officials charged the plan is "a continuation of the Israeli government's attempt to evade the agreement on further redeployment."

The decision to redeploy is encouraging, but some of the terms mentioned cause us to be skeptical as to the government's sincerity in implementing the redeployment," he said.

Erekat charged that the PA had not received any official statement from the Israeli government and would comment only when such a statement was received.

tories, defense sources said.



Moment of truth, or anticlimax?

ANALYSIS

What the government did by Minister Binyamin Netanyahu going for immediate final-status will have the unenviable task of talks to be followed by further being the team's umpire, while at redeployment within five months the same time considering and was to wind up the

political clock for its moment of truth.

long - possibly as soon as next week

 before it becomes clear whether Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his coalition of nationalists and religious zealots really are willing to hand over a significant segment of biblical Eretz Yisrael to the Palestinian Authority.

There will be a tug-of-war in the four-minister committee dealing with the two issues of atmost sensitivity: what terrain can or should be relinquished and when.

The two main contestants are likely to be National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, who believes in the intrinsic as well as strategic value of the area to be given up and Foreign Minister David Levy, who advocates compromise, flexibility and civility in dealing with the Palestinians.

Levy's foremost concern is likely to be whether the troop pullback will convince the Americans and Palestinians that the incumbent government is willing to exchange and for peace.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, the third member of the select ministerial team, is likely to lean towards Levy's conciliatory approach and away from Sharon's hard-line tactics. Prime

ultimately adopting its recommendations. Whatever territorial pullback is rec-

ommended by the four-member ministerial team, it is likely to dissatisfy if not outrage the National Religious Party. Its ministers may opt out of the cabinet. That may be the first crisis that will face

Netanyahu as a result of his insis-

tence on a redeployment plan now. But the conditions for withdrawal specified in the cabinet communique - to revise the Palestine Liberation Organization's charter, to extradite clearly-identified Palestinian terrorists to stand trial in Israel, and to reduce the Palestinian police force's cadres by one-third to one half - may be interpreted by the Palestinians as a built-in rationale for open-ended

prolonging of the territorial status

And if PA Higher Education Minister Hanan Ashrawi's predictable rejection of the redeployment formula as a "non-starter" is adopted by Chairman Yasser Arafat, if the government's offer is considered a mere political gimmick or a bid to evade commitments originally made in Oslo, the government will get a new lease on life, while the gut issues raised by the cabinet communique will await the next domestic "land for

peace" showdown.

A confused Right knows not where to turn

By HERB KENNON .

The English banner directly behind the podium at Saturday night's right-wing rally against further withdrawal on the West Bank told the whole story: This protest, as perhaps the whole Force 17 drive in the Knesset against the government, was meant primarily for American consumption.

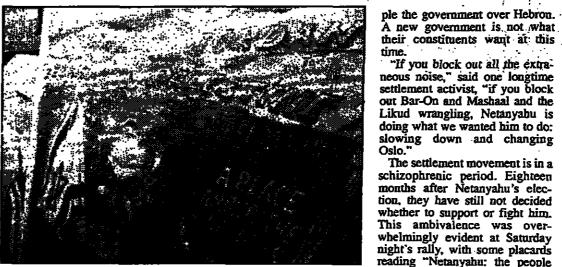
It's not as if English signs are not an integral part of Israeli demonstrations. They are. But they are usually off to the side somewhere, and often consist of misspelled placards held by individual protesters.

Not so Saturday night. "Time out on concessions," read the banner - strategically placed where the television cameras could not miss it. The rally was a tool in Netanyahu's hand to show the US administration that he has internal opposition to further withdrawal on the West Bank.

But that rally, attended by less than 1,000 people, also showed the nation the predicament facing the settlement movement and the

Force 17 may threaten to bring down the government - they may even be negotiating with Labor to join a no-confidence motion to force new elections - but the meager numbers at the rally show that their constituents are not that fired up.

Had it been Yitzhak Rabin or Shimon Peres chairing yesterday's cabinet meeting on further withdrawal, the Right would easi-



One of the English-language placards displayed during Saturday night's protest against the proposed pullback.

(Brian Headler)

ly have had 25,000 people in Jerusalem's streets. Some would have been banging pots and pans, others would have tried to block roads.

But the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza cannot get the masses worked up when the government doing the withdrawing is Likudled. The fear of the alternative, a return to a Labor-Meretz coalition, is too great. The extra-parliamentary groups on the right want followers to come out and demonstrate. But the followers are con-

Three weeks ago the same groups that planned Saturday night's demonstration were planning a pro-Netanyahu rally, as a counterweight to the anti-government tone of the huge rally in Tel Aviv earlier in the month to mark Yitzhak Rabin's yahrzeit. One day the extra-parliamentary right is planning a pro-Netanyahu rally, the next day an anti-Netanyahu

These groups know well that

the Right is not gone, but it has been tempered by political realism: if Netanyahu falls, Ehud Barak rises - and the situation, as

far as the settlers and the Right are concerned - can only get worse. Force 17 will scream and shout

you need passion to get people to come out en masse. But passion cannot be turned on and off on a The passion for Eretz Yisrael on

against any further withdrawal, just as they screamed and shouted against withdrawal from Hebron. But in the final analysis they won't topple the government over the issue, just as they didn't top-

now, however, the chances are very slim that seven such foes the number it would take to join the opposition and bring down the government - will wake up in the morning, look in the mirror and say "I love Eretz Yisrael, but I hate Bibi even more."

Hadassah Medical Organization

mourns the passing of

PHILIP BERMAN

a friend and partner, and extends condolences to the family

Tank crew citated for wiping out at least seven guerrillas

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak awarded citations yesterday to a tank crew responsible for killing at least seven guerrillas in south Lebanon

last week. The group led by Lt. Eli were summoned from the zone to Shahak's Tel Aviv headquarters where they were praised as members of an M-60 "Magach" tank crew that spotted a guerrilla squad moving near their position in the western sector of the security rone last Sunday. They opened fir

ting the squad, and later spotted a second squad coming to rescue the first and also opened fire at them. The IDF believes that in all, seven

to ten guerrillas were killed by tank fire. "You acted correctly and you judged right. I have great respect for you and your commanders. Great work," Shahak told them.

IDF tanks have become prime targets for Hizbullah and Amal militiamen and have set up specially trained units using Faggot and Sagger missiles. Hizbullah claims to have hit more than two dozen tanks, a figure the IDF will

neither confirm nor deny.
The M-60 has sustained a num-

ber of serious strikes by anti-tank missiles, and at least two soldiers have been killed in rocket attacks on the tank. Critics have called for removing the tanks from the zone. arguing that they are sitting tar-

But the feat of Lt. Eli's crew suggested that tank crews could stand up to the threat.

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But Arafat's spokesman, Marwan Kanafani, called the decision encouraging.

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Arieh O'Sullivan adds: Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is expected to convene top security advisers and senior IDF officers in the coming days to discuss the various options regarding the pullback in the terri-

Histadrut strike enters a second day

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A strike by 150,000 clerks and municipal workers was to continue for a second day today in defiance of a National Labor Court ruling yesterday that permitted only a 24-hour walkout.

The Histadrut also planned to discuss widening the sanctions at a meeting today, after threatening yesterday to have civil servants and bank workers join in the strike unless progress was made in talks with the Treasury.

The strike encompasses workers of 360 local authorities, and has paralyzed day care centers, nursery schools, government corporations and national institutions like the Jewish Agency and Jewish National Fund. Magen David Adom and the fire fighters were operating only on an emergency basis.

Many schools were also disrupted, since maintenance personnel and secretaries were also

An additional 20,000 clerks were expected to join the strike today, which would affect the Clalit health fund, Jerusalem hospitals, universities, ORT schools, other colleges, Amidar, Amigur and Zim.

The strike was launched yesterday in protest against government demands for cost-cutting measures by local authorities to reduce an overall NIS 4 billion deficit. Some cuts would erase workers' bonuses.

No progress was reported at a meeting yesterday afternoon between Histadrut strike organizer Shlomo Shani and

Treasury Director of Wages and Labor Agreements Yossi Kucik. Kucik charged that the strike Offered a "seal of approval to illegal work agreements in the municipalities and encourages excessively high wages."

Kucik has held up paying local authorities. He demands that the authorities agree not to use the funds for wage bonuses, and to put them instead toward efficiency measures.

A Treasury statement vesterday listed a series of alleged illegal fringe benefits being paid to many Histadrut local council workers. This list included, global overtime, vehicle stipends to employees who allegedly don't use their own cars, and supplementary milk payments.
The National Labor Court

which upheld the strike yesterday but gave it a 24-hour limit, was expected to decided today about whether to issue back-towork orders.

A number of regional councils have issued back-to-work Orders which were ignored.

Civil servants and bank workers are considering whether to join the strike in the next few days, in protest against hundreds of dismissals and alleged violations of work agreements. Bank employees are also

angry with a government decision to take the management of provident funds out of the hands of the banks. The Union of Local

Authorities in Israel (ULAI) has also threatened to take legal action against Histadrut activists, ULAI chairman Adi Eldar warned last night.



Several hundred employees of the Nazareth auto works plant protest outside the Prime Minister's Office yesterday against defense establishment cancelations of jeep orders, a move which could lead to layoffs. Histadrut Secretary General Amir Peretz blamed government policy for the labor unrest.

return to the negotiating table

to resolve the dispute. Eldar, who is mayor of Karmiel, said it was totally unfair that hundreds of thousands of people should suffer having municipal services shut

down. municipality

Eldar called on the parties to spokesperson Leviah Fischer said the worst effects of the strike were felt by parents and especially single mothers who could not send children to kindergartens yesterday.

"It is a very difficult problem for working parents," she said, adding that many were forced to stay home from work.

US report: Nazis looted \$5.6b. in gold

A US report presented to the cabinet yesterday concludes that countries that remained neutral during World War II shipped goods to the Nazis and were paid for them with looted gold.

These countries provided Nazi Germany with various vital goods and raw materials, thus helping prop up the Nazi regime, the report said. Most prominent among these was Switzerland.

The report, prepared by US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat, said the Nazis had confiscated gold worth some \$5.6 bilments of occupied countries and individual victims.

The report was presented to the cabinet by Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, who is monitoring developments relating to Nazi gold and Jewish property for the government.

"It is our obligation as the government of the Jews to fight for the truth to be exposed, to open all the archives, draw all the conclusions, and assure justice is done," Katsav said.

Meanwhile, a Swiss newspaper said yesterday that the Swiss govBerne just before the end of World War II.

Citing documents uncovered in the Swiss Federal Archive, the SonntagsZeitung said what was involved were gold coins in 28 cases with a weight of some 1,052 kilos, and a current value of about SFr14 million, were sent by Hitler's foreign minister Joachim von Ribbentrop to the German, legation at the Swiss capital in the final days of the war. The transfer took place on April 19, 1945.

The report in SonntagsZeitung is likely to be er some si properties whose worth has not yet Allies some gold shipped by Nazis officials preparing for a confer-year. been estimated, both from govern- to their diplomatic offices in ence on the fate of Nazi gold, that

opens in London tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the Sunday Telegraph yesterday that Britain was also at fault because it misappropriated pre-war bank deposits belonging to Holocaust victims amounting to tens of millions of pounds.

Instead of being given to the victims or their heirs, the money was used to compensate British companies for wartime property losses in Europe.

The newspaper said a Foreign Office report on the issue had been completed but its publication would be delayed until next

(News Agencies)

PALESTINIAN PRESS REVIEW

By MICHAL SELA

The focus of the week in the Palestinian Press was Palestinian rejection of Prime Minister Netanyahu's proposal for a limited withdrawal in the West Bank.

All newspapers reported about the Israeli debate and Palestinian reactions. Maps graphically describing the proposal were copied from the Hebrew press, accompanied by stories about "intensification of the settlements," as one of al-Quds's headlines read. Pictures were featured of Palestinians sitting next to houses just demolished by the military government.

A cartoon in al-Quds showed Netanyahu using a remote-control device, playing with an electronic toy car bearing the sign: 6%.

The Palestinians have no alternative but to reject this position and insist on the need to implement the interim stage agreement," wrote the al-Quds editorial, commenting on Netanyahu's proposed link berween redeployment and a final status agreement. Another editorial read that the Israeli ideas do not meet the concepts of the Declaration of Principles, which is that the West

Bank and Gaza Strip were to be regarded as one territorial unit. Netanyahu's defense of his plan that Israel has to give up a small area to ensure that the greater part remains in Israeli hands, was criticized as "a new recipe to deceive the world and continue to destroy

the peace process." Israel's settlement policy is

aimed at preventing the establishment of a Palestinian state as one continuous entity, wrote Ashraf al-Airami in al-Ayyam. "No Palestinian entity, even if it is given the title of a state, can exercise sov-

ereignty with such fragmentation." Al-Ajrami also called Netanyahu's proposal an American-Israeli deal. He wrote that in return for a minor withdrawal in the West Bank, America may support Israel's effort to move to the final status negotiations. He called on the Palestinian Authority to "reconsider the con-

tinuation of futile negotiations." The Palestinian Press countered National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon's warning that the Palestinians were about to declare statehood, by accusing him of trying to cantonize the West Bank. Israel was accused of surrounding autonomous Palestinian areas with

Jewish settlements and roads. Given Israel's capability to retaliate, Al-Ajrami suggested in al-Ayyam that the Palestinians slow down their drive for independence. He wrote that if the Palestinians waited out the fiveyear deadline for completing final status talks, they may find the international community ready to recognize a Palestinian state.

Likud troubles

commentators Palestinian seemed to agree with Israeli

analyses of the Likud crisis. "It is too early to speak about Netanyahu's fall," wrote al-Quds' Wadi Abu Nassar.

"Netanyahu leads the state and the Likud from crisis to crisis, The question is: will one of the future crises bring about his fall? The answer depends on his opponents, American pressure and Arab action."

"Netanyahu's sponge is still capable of soaking up more crises," Talal Okal wrote in al-Ayyam, who thought that the crisis' scope was not limited to the internal arena, and that it influences Israel's relationship with the Palestinians and the Arab

Violence against women

While the world press discussed last week's international day against violence in the family, the Palestinian press published the telephone numbers of hot-lines, with messages of encouragement, such as: "do not hesitate to use the help-line."

The struggle against violence towards women is the safety valve of Palestinian society," wrote Samar al-Shanar in al-

Quds.
"The question, however, is whether these (Palestinian) institutions alone can uproot the problem? The time has come to unveil all those who use violence against women," al-Shanar on Earth. Who is going to win?"

The purpose is not to create splits in the society, but to fight. problems that paralyze society, commented al-Shanar, adding that there was a need for courageous women, who openly ask for help, "even if it means exposure to the

Rabin's memory

media."

The peace demonstration in Tel Aviv. on the second memorial held for Yitzhak Rabin, brought Muhannad Abd al-Hamid to take a look at what he described as the polarization of Israeli society.

Abd al-Hamid wrote that few

in Israel have drawn a link between oppression Palestinians and internal Israeli violence. He noted a tendency to ostracize Israelis who support reconciliation with the Palestinians, with Rabin's son being among the victims.

"Rabin wanted to bring Israel down on its feet, after hovering too long in the sky, to allow Israel to land of its own free will. rather than being forced to do

Netanyahu intercepted him. and tries to keep Israel as a kingdom in the sky existing above the rules of nature, he added. "Israel is divided between the supporters of a kingdom in the

Tel Aviv strike expands

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The Tel Aviv sanitation workers' strike will expand today to encompass the city's 106 emergency envices, which will close down and not take cane of breakdowns in the traffic lights and water

systems. City offices and reception to the public will also be closed.

Police vesterday arrested 26 sanitation workers on suspicion of sabotaging 22 garbage trucks belonging to private contractors as part of the snik-ing workers' struggle to prevent garbage collection

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Free of the workers were detrined for questioning and the rollect mental to press charges against them.

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The sanitation workers, who are protesting Milo's hiring private contractors for garbage collection. refuse to return to work despite court orders instructing them to do so. Labor relations are not conducted by court orders and by police presence." workers union head Amon Bar David said.

Bar David said the city has a secret plan to fire all the sanitation workers and replace them with workers employed by private contractors.

They (the mayor and city officials) tied to us, and cheated us all the way. Now it is clear their littention is to replace us with private contractors, despite all their promises, the said, charging the police with using number sairy violence against the

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Fuel prices cut

In response to reduced oil prices on the world market, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon's office announced cuts in gasoline prices going into effect today. The prices of 96 and 95 octane gasoline were cut by 1.18 percent to NIS 3.34 a liter, while heating fuel prices were cut by .02%.

Diesel fuel prices for public transport were cut by .07%, while heavy crude oil used by factories and the Israel Electric Corp. was

Edelstein describes Pollard's plight to cabinet

The plight of Jonathan Pollard, the US citizen convicted of spying for Israel, was described to the cabinet in touching detail yesterday by Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, himself a former prisoner of Zion. Reporting on his visit to Pollard, who has been granted Israeli citizenship, in the US penitentiary where he is serving a life sentence, Edelstein told of two urgent requests Pollard made to him: that he be recognized by the government of Israel as an agent who worked in its behalf and that all cabinet members who travel to the US visit him in his North Carolina prison. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said the government will invest every possible effort to bring an end to Pollard's

MK against exams for immigrant nurses

MK Yuri Shtem of Yisrael Be'aliya petitioned the High Court yesterday along with a group of immigrant nurses against a Health Ministry qualifying exam. The petition represented by attorney Zeev Farber calls for resuming an earlier policy of handing out temporary licenses for practical nursing, and giving the immigrants the option of taking an exam afterwards or a course. It also asks that those taking the exam be permitted to appeal their scores and have them reevaluated, and for a list of subjects included in the exam to be published beforehand.

Matriculation answers to be on internet

All the answers to matriculation exams will from now on be provided on the Internet within hours after the tests are conducted. The Shachar Institute, a private company that prepares young people for matriculation, has set up the free service at www.shachar.co.il to provide this information. Immediately after the test is concluded, a team of professional teachers will solve the problems and publicize the answers on the Web site, thus allowing anyone who took the exam to estimate his or her score.

The site also has sample questions and answers to help pupils prepare for the tests and a demonstration of a program that advises on registering for an institution of higher learning. Judy Siegel

Arab students' Jerusalem apartment firebombed again

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

For the second time in six weeks, the apartment of three young Arab women living in the Musrara neighborhood of Jerusalem was firebombed. One policeman suffered slight burns to his hands and face while attempting to dismantle a second bomb.

The incident took place yesterday at 4 a.m., when a small explosive went off in a bucket outside their apartment door, according to police. One of the three tenants. who was sleeping there with her sister and a guard, noticed a second package outside their door and called police, resulting in the injury to the officer.

A police spokesman said the crime is being treated with the utmost gravity and a special unit has been established to investi-

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert visited the scene yesterday to show support to the three women and to offer his help in finding another apartment. What he saw was a soot-filled stairwell outside their top-floor apartment, broken glass and a melted down light

"We told him its not just our problem, it's all Arab students," said Sonia Khoury, 25, from Nazareth. "And non-students too, Arabs from the North. We know a lot of people who have the same problems that we have. Our big problem is that nobody wants to rent us a flat. We've been looking for flat now for two months, and nobody wants us, because we are Arabs. It's a big problem."

Olmert said some Jews would think it's dangerous for Arabs to live among Jews, because of situ-



Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert visits the girls whose flat was attacked. From left to right, Manal Diab, Sonia Khoury and Wafa

ations where things have happened before. "It's a hard problem, but something that should not happen," he said. "The problem between Arabs and Jews is not something new that started today. It happens to both sides."

He reiterated his long-standing policy that Jews should be able to live anywhere in the city and so should Arabs. "I came here because I wanted all of Israel to see what is going on here."

Khoury said she, her sister and a third roommate have been fearful since the first bombing on October 13. Since then, a guard has been assigned to their apartment by Al-Fanar, the Palestinian Feminist Organization.

"It doesn't help, but psychologically it helps," said Manal Diab, 26, the third roommate. Because if I was with my sister alone it would have been much harder."

Khoury said she didn't believe

Olmert would try and help them career in the capital. find a new apartment. "I don't believe anything," she said. "I don't believe he likes Arabs so much that he would help them. I don't think he wants me to be here. He can say he wants to help, you can say whatever you want, but in reality that is not the truth."

Khoury, who works as a travel agent, said she didn't want to move back to Nazareth, because she has built up her life and

"The first time it happened, myfather said 'Why are you staying in Jerusalem? Come back to Nazareth.' I told him I know it's tough, but I want to stay in Jerusalem. This time I didn't talk to my father. I'm very afraid to talk to him. I know his reaction -

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Report: Workforce is 10% foreign

By DAVID HARRIS

The latest statistics show that there are at least 245,000 non-Israelis in the workforce, compared to 125,000 in 1990, according to the Labor and Social Affairs

With a total workforce of some 2.2 million, this means that more than one in every 10 workers is non-Israeli – a foreigner or a

The figures, revealed yesterday at a Jerusalem seminar on foreign workers, suggest that the number of illegal foreign workers in the fist six months of the year was anywhere between 75,000 and

Of particular concern is the increase in the number of foreign home-care workers, said ministry planning economist Benny Fefferman. This number has doubled in the last three years and could reach as many as 15,000 by

A further phenomenon is the "disappearance" of workers. Employers report that some 12,000 foreigners have left the

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the I data is T. alimi country of late, but other sources suggest they are still in Israel, said ministry director-general Yigal Ben-Shalom,

The government is taking the issue very seriously and is moving in the right direction, but there is still far more to be achieved, said

Central Bureau of Statistics.

same period

Of 304,000 new immigrants in the workforce,

some 34,000 or 10.1 percent were unemployed and

actively seeking work in the third quarter of the

year, according to data published yesterday by the

That figure represents an improvement of 0.7%

on the previous quarter and refers to those immi-

grants arriving during the 1990s. The figures have not been seasonally adjusted. The unemployment rate in the general population stood at 8.1% in the

The rate of unemployment among new immigrants during the third quarter was 9% for men and

11% for women, compared to 7% and 10.4%

Of all those employed in Israel, some 15% were

respectively in the general population.

"1997 is a year of preparation,"

for dealing with foreign workers, said Ben-Shalom. The government's said policy is to lower the number of foreign workers. Let's set a target - to bring the number

Immigrant jobless rate 10.1%

of foreign workers back to the same percentage as in the early

The increase in foreign workers has not been fully offset by a comparable decrease in the number of Palestinian workers, said Bank of

new immigrants in the period surveyed, with new immigrants comprising 17% of all unemployed

persons. Immigrants make up 15% the total popu-

Some 24% of new immigrants are scientists, aca-

demics or work in the free professions. A further 33% are skilled workers, in industry and construc-

tion, for example, with 16% in the service sector,

9% working as office staff and the remainder as

A more specific breakdown of new immigrant

workplaces showed 31% (95,000) are employed in

industry, 13% in health care, welfare and domestic

work, 10% in commerce and vehicle repair, 9% in

business, 9% in construction and 6% in education.

unskilled employees.

Israel research department deputy head Karnit Flug. This means some of the increase has come at the expense of Israeli workers, who cost more to hire.

In the construction sector, for example, the ministry figures show the average wage per hour for non-Israelis is NIS 24.5 under the general Israeli wage agree-ment: NIS 20 for independent Palestinians, NIS 17.50 for independent foreigners and NIS 15 for foreigners employed via job agen-

The number of employment agencies has almost doubled during the last four years to 286. This in a part is explained by the large numbers of new immigrants, but also by the influx of foreigners, according to Fefferman.

While it is very difficult to keep tabs on illegal workers, the ministry believes there was a 14,000 reduction in the number of legally employed foreigners in the first seven months of the year. Over 3,300 illegal workers were arrested between January and October, said Ben-Shalom.

Most Israelis support values education unit

connection to the IDF.

More than half of secular Israelis who responded to a poll conducted by the Gesher organization support Education Minister Zevulun Hammer's decision to create an Authority for Values Education, the Education Ministry announced yesterday.

A total of 63.2% said they supported the move, which has come under fire because of criticism that it would undermine existing bodies which promote democracy and pluralism. Hammer's candidate to head the authority was bypassed for a secular candidate, Yitzhak Shapira, but Hammer subsequently appointed a group of advisers to monitor the authority's activities. Overall, more than 70% of those responding approved of the authority, while 17% were opposed. Aryeh Dean Cohen

Anti-vehicle theft operation being launched

At the initiative of Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani police are launching an operation today dubbed "Chaftsei Chen" to crack down on auto thefts.

Highway patrols will be increased in areas where thefts are common, in addition to checkpoints, viewing posts and traps using high-tech equipment. There will be particular emphasis in areas along the Green Line.

Kahalani has also called for stiffer penalties against auto thieves and those who trade in stolen auto parts, and for attempts to be made to achieve better cooperation with the Palestinian Authority on this issue Jerusalem Post Staff

Committee to seek chief for Army Radio

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has appointed a committee to find a candidate to take over command of Army Radio within a week, defense officials said. The committee is to be beaded by former OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. (res.) Moshe Nativ. The position is open to anyone, but Mordechai instructed the committee to find someone with media experience as well as a

Army Radio has been without a commander since October 1.

Gazan names quadruplets after Arafat family

Yasser and Arafat aren't going to bring much peace to one Palestinian household. The two boys in a set of quadruplets born in Gaza last week are still in the hospital. Their two sisters Suha and Zahwa - named after the Palestinian Authority chairman's wife and daughter - are already waiting away at home.

Atef Siksik, 28, said doctors were surprised by the names he and his wife Mona, 24, had chosen. "But it is an expression of my love for the president whom I consider like a father, especially after my father's death in 1989 when he was shot by the Israelis," he said.

"Now I get no sleep. When one girl cries, she wakes the other and both start crying. What will it be like when the boys come home? Maybe I should go and find another house to sleep in."

Benzion Netanyahu's book at TAU symposium

A three-day colloquium on "The Spanish-Jewish Cultural Interaction," sponsored by Tel Aviv University as part of the Howard Gilman International Colloquium, begins today at the university, with the participation of representatives from Harvard University, Universidad de Salamanca and Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

Tomorrow at 4 p.m., university president Prof. Yoram Dinstein will chair a special session of the colloquium on Prof. Benzion Netanyahu's book, The Origins of the Inquisition in 15th Century Spain, in which Professor Netanyahu himself will speak on "The Hidden Conflict Between the Inquisition and the Aryeh Dean Cohen

Reform movement planning 7 new centers By HAIM SHAPIRO The Reform movement is to build seven synagogue-community center complexes throughout the country, in addition to two new centers in Jerusalem, all of them on land provided by local authorities, Menachem Leibovich,

The new synagogue centers are to be built in Ramat Hasharon, Ra'anana, Nahariya, Jaffa, Rishon Lezion and Netanya. In addition, the movement,

national director of the movement

more buildings that are only syna-

We are not going to build any

in Israel, said yesterday.

gogues." Leibovich said.

which held its national convention over the weekend, is to build a pre-school center and community center adjacent to Beit Shmuel, its center in Jerusalem. The total cost of the building program, he said, was estimated at \$34-million, virmally all of which is expected to

come from donations from abroad. He said the synagogue had traditionally served as a communal center in Jewish history and there was no need to build a structure used only a few times a week. However, he added, the new synagogue-centers would not have sports facilities, an area which he said is well-provided for in Israel.

centrate on providing alternative complementary Jewish education. Leibovich said the movement previously had difficulties both with the planning bodies of the Shas-controlled Interior Ministry and with local coalitions involving religious parties.

Rather, he said, they would con-

Teen murder suspect remanded again

The teenager wanted for murder in Maryland, (right) speaks to his lawyer in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday. The youth was remanded for a fourth time, amid preparations to meet a US request for his extradition to stand trial for the murder of Alfred Tello, 19. Tello's body was found days before the suspect fled here. His lawyers argue that he may not be extradited because he has Israeli citizenship through his father. (Text: Barsheva Tsur: Photo: Brian Hendler)

Expert: Wage earners should report their income

and fining them 20% of the undeclared assets if they don't, are two of the suggestions made by the Israeli Institute for Society and Economy

Currently most wage earners who have taxes deducted by their employers do not have to make any other declarations.

Ya'acov Werker, the president of the Israeli Institute for Society and Economy, proposed at

Requiring residents to report all their income a news conference yesterday that all citizens be required to report their earnings.

Werker said that Yirzhak Moda'i - who, as chairman of the council organizing the 50th anniversary celebrations had suggested a tax amnesty next year - told him he would support even stiffer penalties for failing to report income, including a possible prison term.

The institute proposes implementing its idea by having wage earners declare, through their

primary employer, whether they had any other source of income. Currently this is not required, and as a result, the state is losing billions of

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shekels in taxes annually, Werker said. If these taxes could be recovered, it would be possible to lower the marginal tax rate to 35%, as opposed to up to 60% today for the highest earners. This would, in turn, encourage people to pay taxes, rather than evade them, Werker

Author of banned 'Dakar' book sues IDF

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Michael (Mike) Eldar, a writer and former senior army officer, is demanding an official apology and NIS 100,000 in damages from the IDF Spokesman in a libel suit filed at the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday. Eldar, who served in the IDF

Spokesman's Office and holds the rank of colonel (res.), said he also plans to request permission from the attorney-general to press criminal charges against IDF Spokesman Oded Ben-Ami. In mid-September, Eldar published a book about the ill-fated

submarine Dakar, which he dedicated "to the families of the missing men of the Dakar, with love."

In his suit, Eldar says he devoted a chapter to conversations with some of the bereaved families and described his close ties

Clalit head:

By JUDY SIEGEL

Kupat Holim Clalit director-general Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg

yesterday called on the finance

and health ministers to prevent



Oded Ben Ami

The Dakar went missing in approved by the military censor, 1968 with 69 crew members Eldar says.

However, Eldar claims, the day the book hit the shelves, the IDF spokesman accused him of "cynically exploiting" the families' feelings in order to promote his sales. This, Eldar says, was libel. He adds that a committee representing the families issued a letter of support for him. At the same time, Eldar was

charged with aggravated espionage, and the Tel Aviv District Court issued an injunction banning the sale of his book on the grounds that it threatened state secu-

"This so-called threat to state security was somewhat strange bearing in mind that entire book had been

A week earlier, in an interview over the botched naval commando raid in Lebanon with the Hebrew-language magazine Anashim, Eldar said that IDF officers tended to whitewash results of investigations into training and operational accidents to cover up for their

cronies. The IDF Spokesman responded that this was "a false and spurious charge. Yesterday Eldar said that if he

wins he will donate the NIS 100,000 to help families of victims of IDF accidents.

Arich O'Sullivan adds:

In reaction to the suit, the IDF Spokesman said "the IDF did not receive any copy of the suit," and declined to elaborate.

Taxi licenses to be freely available

From January 1, licenses to operate taxis ("green numbers") will be issued to anyone who meets the professional criteria and who can fork over the NIS 195,000 needed for the license, under an agreement reached yesterday between the Transport Ministry and the Prime Minister's Office.

Starting in 1999, the license fee will be reduced gradually, at the rate of five percent a year.

Salaried drivers with at least four years' experience will be allowed to purchase the license for only NIS 135,000.

Bids are invited for the supply of various goods required by government ministries and offices all over the country.

Tender 18/97 - Lamp bulbs of various types

Last date for submitting bids: Monday, January 5, 1998, at 12 noon. Applications for the tender documents should be made by fax only, to

... Subject of Tender... Name of company bidding...... ... Authorized Trader's no.... Company's address, with postal code no.

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TENDER NUMBER 10/97

Transfer of Cargo Community System of the Integrated Foreign Trade System to a Commercial Body

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The Customs and Value Added Tax Unit through the Integrated Foreign Trade System hereby invites bids for the transfer of the cargo community system of the Integrated Foreign Trade System to a commercial body. The Integrated Foreign Trade System is a body established in accordance with a decision of the Israel Government, with the aim of ensuring the efficient and economic implementation of foreign trade procedures in Israel by connecting up the participating bodies, based on a computerized system and the application of advanced technologies of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and Electronic Commerce (EC).

The Cargo Community System - Israel - CCS-IL - is part of the integrated Foreign Trade System, and deals with the electronic transmission of data and information between the bodies carrying out the procedures for transporting cargoes to and from Israel. The system has been operating for three years.

The supplier selected will be an independent contents.

The supplier selected will be an independent economic and administrative framework for the operation of the System and will be responsible inter alla for the supply of the services of the Cargo Community System, marketing its services to additional users and the continued development of the System as a superior and advanced solution to meet the users' requirements.

For the provision of the System's above mentioned services, the supplier has a number of alternatives according to the conditions of the tender:

(a) Use of hardware infrastructures, software and know-how now being used by the Integrated Foreign trade System for operating the System.
(b) Use of existing infrastructures now operated by the supplier.
(c) Setting up new infrastructures by the supplier. C) Setting tip new intrastructures by the supplier.

Purchase of Tender Documents: A sum of NIS 1000 (not returnable) should be paid for the documents into Account Number 0-050055 at the Postal Bank. The tender details should be written on the payment voucher, attached to a copy of the bld. Tender documents can be obtained at the Material Resources Department of the Administration of the Customs and Value Added Tax Unit; at 6 Rehov David Hamelech, Floor 3, Jerusalem, on

Language: The bid must be submitted in Hebrew. Guarantee for Bid: An unconditional Bank Guarantee in the sum of NIS 200,000 must be attached to the bid, in the form detailed in the tender documents. The bank guarantee must be valid for 120 days from the last date for submission of the bid.

Date and Location of Suppliers' Meeting: The suppliers' meeting will take place at the offices of the Integrated Foreign Trade System, 18 Rehov Shlomzion Hamelcha, Jerusalem at 11 a.m. on December 30, 1997. Participation is mandatory.

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Preconditions for Participation in Tender

(a) * This is an International tender.

(b) *The supplier or his representative in israel must submit certification that he keeps audited accounts and is registered as an authorized trader for Value Added Tax and Income Tax purposes.

(c) *The supplier must be a legally recognized body registered with the Israell Registrar of Company it must undertake to register as required with the Registrar of Company it must undertake to register as required with the Registrar of Companies immediately after acceptance of his bid.

(d) *The supplier must have a proven minimum annual turnover of NIS 10 million (certified by an auditor for 1996).

(e) *The supplier must have proven ability to administer and operate a messaging system and operate a computer communications infrastructure.

(f) *The bidder (main contractor and sub-contractors) must fulfill at least three of the following requirements:

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(g) *The supplier (main contractor) is forbidden from appearing as a sub-contractor in another bid for this tender.

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(h) *The supplier is required to have a relevant Ministry of Communications license for the purpose of operating the messaging system or to undertake to obtain such a license within six months of winning the tender.

(l) *Participation in the above mentioned suppliers' meeting is mandatory.

Participation in the above mentioned suppliers' meeting is mandatory. (i) * Any bids not accompanied by the required documents will be rejected.

Date and Location for Submission of Bids: The last date for submission of bids is January 29, 1998 at 12 noon. Documents must be put into a closed envelope marked "Tender 10/97", and placed in the Tenders Box of the Customs Authority at 32 Rehov Agron, Jerusalem.

Additional information can be obtained at the Integrated Foreign Trade System Tel. 02-624-4010.

The Customs Authority does not undertake to accept the lowest bid or any

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the "impending collapse of the health system, which will cause tangible harm to public health."

Peterburg said the government has delayed payment of some NIS 300 million to the health funds; eroded health tax pay-ments to the funds from NIS 2,200 per resident in 1995 to NIS 2.130 today, thereby increasing Clalit's deficits by NIS 350m.; refused to finance the cost of the drug "cocktail" for AIDS patients, medications for diabetics and cancer patients, which

Health care system near collapse cost the health fund NIS 120m. a health tax payments.

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He also demanded that a recovyear, and raised per-diem hospi-talization costs by two percent beyond the medical cost-of-living-index increase, causing an additional annual loss of NIS

Peterburg said that if something is not done urgently about these problems, Clalit will not be able to offer the same services to members, and the chronically ill and elderly will be the first to

feel the difference. He called on the ministers to withdraw the Arrangements Law changes, scheduled to go into effect on January 1, that will only

worsen the situation by requiring

the health funds to charge

patients extra fees beyond their

ery program be prepared for the health system "before it is too late." The deficit of the system is NIS 1.3 billion, of which Clalit -

which insures 60% of the population - has a NIS 850m. share. Meanwhile, Business Data-Israel (BDI), a company that conducts economic analyses, yesterday declared that the private hos-

pitals are likely to grow at the

expense of the public hospitals. Nearly 8% of the population have private health insurance in addition to their public health fund membership, and in 1996, the private policies cost NIS

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Asia rescue fund seen delayed

By CHRISTINA TOH-PARTIN

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (Reuters) - Hopes for the quick creation of an emergency rescue fund for ailing Southeast Asian economies faded yesterday as finance officials gathered in Malaysia to debate the region's financial crisis.

Ministers attending a meeting in Kuala Lumpur said the depth of the financial crisis and nagging differences over the shape of the fund would likely prevent the aid from being available until next

Anwar Ibrahim said Asian finance ministers would discuss the proposed standby facility at two days of meetings starting today in Kuala Lumpur, but a final decision would probably be postponed.

He said there was enthusiasm for the proposed fund, but countries, including South Korea, needed to address daunting economic problems before being able to take a decision.

"There are difficulties faced by many member countries... They need to get their house in order," Anwar said, noting

Malaysian Finance Minister - South Korea was still discussing conditions attached to a proposed bailout program under International Monetary Fund, which was expected to exceed \$20 billion.

> Asked when the facility might be approved, Anwar said: "If it can't be resolved tomorrow, we will have to defer it to the next meeting, which will probably be held in February."

> South Korean Finance Minister Lim Chang-yuel had to cancel his appearance at the meetings in Kuala Lumpur at the last minute because of disagreements between negotiators over the

final details of the IMF program, Malaysian officials said.

South Korea, Thailand and Indonesia have all turned to the IMF for ad hoc emergency help to stave off economic collapse.

Both Japanese Finance

Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka and US Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers cancelled their trips to the meeting in what delegates said was a reflection of the diminishing chances that a decision on a fund would be

The Group of 15 developing nations also decided not to

The proposed Asian bail-out fund has been resisted by Western nations led by the US, which have insisted the IMF play the central role in the rescue operations and any funds be used in

The US fears a separate Asian bail-out fund could undermine the IMF and weaken the Asian countries' willingness to adopt the tough economic policies advocated by the Fund.

line with stringent IMF condi-

But Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has been pressing for a separate fund that would symbolize the region's

resolving its own problems.

Delegates from several ASEAN member states expressed misgivings over Mahathir's proposal; and said they would prefer to continue to tackle the region's problems on a case-by-case basis instead of creating a permanent fund outside the IMF.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Burma, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

"What we are saying is to come to each other's aid when required," a Philippine official



World aids day

By JON HERSKOVITZ

TOKYO - Japan's happily-ever-

after business is not what it used to

be. Fewer couples are getting mar-

ried, more couples are splitting up

and Chizuru Taguchi could not be

happier.
Taguchi is the editor-in-chief of

Liz Japan's first magazine devoted

to divorce. She has a message for

all the starry-eyed couples planning

to tie the knot "There is life after

the honeymoon and you better get

Taguchi, 29, is the driving force

behind Liz. The straight-talking

magazine editor said there is a

growing market for Liz readers as

the country's divorce rate slowly

wife means an end to dirty laundry

while women believe they will no

longer have to put up with riding, crowded trains to work and making

tea for the boss once they get mar-ried and quit their jobs," Taguchi

"Many people are discovering

there is more to marriage beyond

those shallow ideas and many of

"Japanese men think getting a

Children with HIV, the virus which causes AIDS, sing during a mass marking World AIDS Day at the Nyumbani House in Karen, 16 kms southwest of Nairobi yesterday. Nyumbani House gives shelter to some 50 HIV positive children, most of whom have been abandoned or were orphaned when their parents died of AIDS. In a sobering account of the worldwide impact of HIV, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), reported that 40 million children in developing countries will be without one or both parents by 2010.

named after Elizabeth Taylor, who

has posted eight marriages to seven

husbands. She was married to

When Japanese think of the peo-

ple associated with divorce, the

Hollywood actress Elizabeth Taylor

often comes to mind," Taguchi said.
"We wanted to name the magazine

after Elizabeth Taylor because she

has shown perseverance and

strength as she has moved from

Along with the stories on the

Japanese divorce experience, the

inaugural fall issue includes an arti-

cle on Taylor's film and marriage

career - complete with a chart of

her marriages, divorces and major

Taguchi said Liz seemed a good

choice for the magazine's name

because booksellers would not

want to carry a magazine called

SINCE 1991, Japan's divorce rate

has been posting year on year

increases. According to the Health

and Welfare Ministry, there are

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President holds key in Indian coalition crisis

By DONNA BRYSON

NEW DELHI (AP) - For years, India's president did little more than greet visiting foreign dignitaries. But yesterday, he held the country's political future in his hands, and the men who would be prime minister lined up to make their cases to him. After the fall on Friday of the third Indian prime minister in less than

two years, it is up to President K.R. Narayanan to decide whether any party or coalition has the strength to form a new government. Or he could call new parliamentary elections, leaving it to voters instead of backroom politics to decide who should rule the world's largest - and seemingly most fractious - democracy.

Narayanan was to meet yesterday with leaders of parliament's largest party, the Bharatiya Janata, with 162 of the assembly's 545 seats. Today, he's scheduled separate talks with Congress, the second largest party with 138 seats; and the ousted United Front, whose 14 members hold 178 seats. It was not clear when he would make his decision.

No one has the 273 seats needed to govern alone following 1996 elections in which voters registered their disgust after a series of political corruption scandals by giving no party a parliamentary majority. Ideological differences and rival ambitions have kept politicians from forming a sta-

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In Japan, women initiate divorce

proceedings most of the time but

the divorces actually occur by

mutual consent, with an over-

whelming majority of couples fil-

ing papers at the local government

offices to end their marriage. Less

than 10 percent of divorce cases

Hiromi Kanamura, 32, pur-

chased a copy of Liz out of curios-

ity. The Tokyo office worker was

divorced in 1996 and she was

interested in the article on divorce

"I had an arranged marriage that

did not go well. My husband and I

split up without much fuss, but I

wanted to find out what would

Kanamura enjoyed the first issue

have happened if I went to court."

and she hopes future issues of the

magazine will address topics such

Liz is expected to post sales of

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Kanamura said.

The United Front government was supported by Congress even though it was not a member of the coalition. Congress is looking for partners after withdrawing support from the Front on Friday, accusing one of its members, the Dravida Progressive Party, of supporting rebels linked to the 1992 assassination of Congress leader and former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi.

To take power, one of India's party bosses must find favor with the president, once seen as their rubber stamp. Unlike members of parlia-ment, India's constitutional head of state is not elected by the public, but instead chosen by about 5,000 state and federal legislators - meaning he owes his position to the bosses,

When no single party commands a parliamentary majority, the constitution gives the president discretion in deciding who should lead the government. The president, an otherwise ceremonial figure, also has the power to dismiss a government deemed unstable.

When president Shanker Dayal Sharma's term expired in July, politicians embraced Narayanan, then vice president and a member of parliament's upper house, as one of the few leaders untainted by scandal. He took office in July, the first Indian president from the nation's untouchable.

Narayanan said then his election marked the dawn of a time in which the concerns of the common man would be addressed by politicians. .

He has shown he's an independent thinker with little patience for leaders who put party politics over the rule of law. Last month, Narayanan asked the

United Front to reconsider a decision to dismiss a state government headed by political rivals. The unprecedented presidential request forced the cabinet to admit that it had little legal support for its decision, and the government in India's largest state was saved.

Narayanan was hailed as a hear. In a front page editorial yesterday, the influential *Times of India* said he could be counted on to protect the constitution "from the onslaughts of men whose consciences are flexi-

The Times and other observers who believe the United Front was brought down for selfish reasons want Narayanan to thwart Congress's ambitions by calling elections three years ahead of sched-

"With respect, Mr. President, please order fresh elections," The Statesman newspaper said in a bhint editorial.

But elections would be costly, and unlikely to result in a parliament lowest class, once known as much different from the current

Yeltsin delays cabinet reshuffle

planned."

MOSCOW (Reuters) - President Boris Yeltsin postponed a day of reckoning for his government for at least a week yesterday amid increasing nervousness over Russia's economy.

Yeltsin had threatened a new reshuffle if the cabinet, already reeling from several sackings, did not show it could deliver on a promise to pay off a vast sum in overdue wages to public sector workers and restore faith in the rouble.

The cabinet had worked overtime on Saturday ahead of the meeting, originally planned for today. One leading minister said he hoped the report to Yeltsin would reinforce the government, whose reformist wing was weakened by the dismissals.

Yeltsin said yesterday the meeting had been delayed but did not say

"It will be a very, very serious report and the first report - for the first time, the government to the president," Yeltsin told reporters covering talks outside Moscow with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

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ig it off for a while, maybe for a week, maybe for 10 days at the most. Even so, this report will take place just as

A Kremlin statement said the meeting had been postponed for three reasons - a parliamentary debate next Friday on the 1998 budget, a visit by Yeltsin to Sweden starting on tomorrow and a trip to Belarus by Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin.

Yeltsin met Kohl at a hunting lodge outside Moscow, the latest in a string of informal meetings the president has had with foreign leaders.

The Kremlin said they agreed to hold the first of a planned series of three-way summits with France in the Russian city of Yekaterinburg in the first half of 1998.

Yeltsin, still smarting from Moscow's loss of international authority after the collapse of the Soviet Union, sees the summits as a counterweight to US influence in Europe.

He and Kohl also agreed that experts from their two countries would meet in about two weeks to discuss developing a military transport plane together. Some experts say such a plane could challenge US dominance in production of such air-

Czech: PM resigns

By HIGEL STEPHENSON

PRAGUE (Reuters). Ezech Prime Minister Vaclav Klans, his government in tatters over a party financing scandal; announced yesterday he was resigning and would not join a new administra-

Klaus, post-Communist Europe's longest-serving premier with more than five years in office, announced his decision after an 11-hour meeting with the leadership of his Civic Democratic Party (ODS). "I decided to resign and it means

the whole government will resign, the government as a whole," Klans told a midnight news con-Leaders of the Czech ruling

coalition were to meet President Vaciav Havel yesterday to discuss forming a new government. But the makeup of any new admissis-tration remained highly uncertain.

Leaders of the three parties in the center-right coalition were due to meet Havel at his residence outside Prague in the afternoon.

Klaus and Finance Minister Ivan Pilip, blamed by many Klaus supporters for bringing about the premier's fall, were to lead their Civic Democratic Party's (ODS) delegation in the talks.

We have to clean up and present ourselves to the public in a new line-up," Pilip said on Czech. Television on Sunday

Klaus was long seen as the champion of reform in the Czech Republic and highly regarded among the leaders of post-communist transformation in Eastern

But investor nervousness over widening trade and current account gaps earlier this year led to massive selling of the crown, forcing the central bank to float the currency in May. Czech markets and the crown

have suffered further in recent weeks on mounting political uncertainty and analysts expect more pressure until a new government is named.

Klaus said he would remain ODS chairman until an extraordinary party congress to be held by December 13.

Havel had earlier urged the govenument to step down after the withdrawal of one party. But he said the same coalition should try to form a new government.

However, after the acrimony of Klaus's removal, condemned by his supporters as a palace coup,

this may not be so easy.

Deputy Prime Minister and Christian Democrat leader Josef -Lux was quoted by CTK news agency as saying it may be impossible to form a new government before the ODS congress as both Klaus and Pilip had weak mandates for the task.

He told Nova Television the new prime minister should not be a member of any political party.

"If there is a chance for a government to emerge without early elections, the only chance is to search for somebody who is not a member of a political party," he said.

Jiri Skalicky, elected leader of the pro-business Civic Democratic Alliance (ODA) on Saturday, said his party was willing to put forward a candidate to be premier, CTK said

The leader of the main opposition Social Democrats, Milos Zeman, said the only solution was early elections.

Klaus decided to quit after Pilip demanded his resignation over the allegations the party improperly accepted financial donations of some \$217,000, which critics say may have influenced privatization

Klaus has repeatedly denied knowing the source of the donations and that they affected priva-

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Couples with more than 20 years

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Taguchi said that the stigma

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in recent years, but pointed out that

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The Government of Israel, through the Administrative Body for the Establishment of Government Office Complexes and Court Houses, announces its intention of considering alternatives and issuing a tender for the construction of an Energy Center by means of the Design, Build, Operation, and Transfer system, which will provide service for government offices and will be erected at Kiryat Ben-Gunon, Jerusalem (in an area of approx. 60,000 sq.m., with the first phase of the project beginning mid-2000). The main purposes of the Energy Center are:

 The supply of hot and cold water required for air-conditioning (including) laying the pipes and wiring).

2. The construction and operation of an electrical transformer station. 3. The construction and operation of emergency generators.

 The construction and maintenance of an emergency water reservoir. 5. The construction of a system of tunnels and piping necessary for constructing the above works.

All those interested in taking part in the tender, which may (or may not) be issued at a later date by the Government of Israel, and who wish to provide the government with information in their possession which they believe may contribute to the tender's definition, are invited to do so by writing to Mr. Andy Schwartz, "Tafnit Wind" Office, P.O.B. 3381, Jerusalem 91033, by January 15, 1998.

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By Adina Hoffman

inotaur is an English-language movie based on the 1980 Hebrew novel by

Benjamin Tammuz. Directed by

the writer's son, Jonathan, the film

takes place in New York City and wastes no time in making obvious

the symbolic implications of its

title: the half-beast, half-man

trapped in the legendary labyrinth is Alex (Dan Turgeman), an

unshaven Mossad agent who has

come to America to perform some

vague, violent operation, While on

the subway, he catches sight of a

beautiful young woman, Thea (Mili Avital), and falls in love

from a distance. He begins to send

her anonymous letters expressing

MINOTAUR

Directed by Jonathan Tammuz.

Screenplay by Dan Turgeman and Irving S. White. Based on the novel

by Benjamin Tammuz. Hebrew title:

With Dan Turgeman, Mili Avital, George Corralace, Josh Lucas

his great passion ("you belong to a

world that I have lost long ago...")

and the out-of-body bond between

them grows and deepens, with

I haven't read the novel on

which the film is based, so I can

make no comparisons between the

original and the script, which was

co-written by Turgeman, who also

co-produced, and Irving S. White.

As a free-standing work, though,

the movie takes tired shape as a

mishmash of pulp cliches, offered

without the slightest hint that the

filmmakers know these purple

paths have been traveled endless

And for all the hackneyed famil-

iarity of many of its elements (the

brooding loner-hitman, à la Alain

Delon in Melville's Le Samourai

or Eastwood's Man With No

Name: the mystery lover with a

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people needing a warming touch. An icy patch in the road sends a

a need for warmth, says Rickman, whose Winter Guest cast features Emma Thompson and her real-life mother, Phyllida

Atom Egoyan, who directed The



Letter from an unknown man

Mili Avital, an Israeli actress who lives in the US, plays the beautiful Thea, with whom Dan Turgeman falls in love.

verbal knack, à la Cyrano de ity gives the picture an inadvertent comic edge: in the midst of varies and fatal double-crosses à la ous muted love scenes, one waits James Bond and tens of thousands with baited breath for the hero to of other spy movies), the picture just whip out his gun and blow suffers from a basic confusion of someone away. And the moment any house in this country, focus. The characters and plot one scolds oneself for thinking Minotaur might be a film from often seem to be floating in space, that the movie would resort to

such cheap tricks, it does. The film is avowedly apolitical, even a-national, in the sense that the hero's country of birth is bareseem moodily archetypal, which 'ly mentioned and figures not at all

to Alex's difficult childhood, bles his character's soulful attribwhich takes place in "Israel, 1963" against a posh, fantasy backdrop that looks a lot more like his voice-over readings of the leta well-appointed Italian villa than ters, for instance, are so whisperyanywhere.

Alex could easily be an employee of the Sicilian mafia or the former KGB, given the amorphous nature of the brutal work he performs and the cryptically accented

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Tammuz and his screenwriters in the story. Aside from two snort scenes in Hebrew and some ludispeaks. (Turgeman is adequate disconcertingly generic detail that the story and some ludispeaks) in the story. Aside from two snort scenes in Hebrew and some ludispeaks. (Turgeman is adequate disconcertingly generic detail that lends the movie an odd feeling of utes with what seems like plain embarrassment in the language: intimate, they're often incomprehensible. Meanwhile the appealing Avital, an Israeli who lives in the States and played James Spader's burlap-draped honey in Stargate, speaks English with

continental drift.)

That said, there is something more than a trifle unsettling in this political day and age about turning the psychic angst and existential loneliness of a homicidal Mossad agent into the subject of dark romance. A stylishly universal tale about a metaphoric minotaur is one thing: an inertly florid ode to the fatalism of a sexually fixated barely a trace of an accent, and Israeli government operative is plays a non-Israeli character of quite another.

The cold world of winter movies

By JOHN HORN

Baby, it's cold inside. But chances are, if you duck into a US movie theater to escape the winter chill, it won't be any warmer once you take a seat: The season's films are filled with icebergs, snowstorms and frozen seas. In addition to popcorn and soda, concession stands might have to start selling mittens and scarves.

Weather is typically showcased as a plot device. But the chilly scenes of winter aren't exclusively consigned to supporting roles. In some of the season's most acclaimed films, the cold is a featured player, as much an element as cast, crew and script.

The arrival of this cinematic snow doesn't suggest Santa Claus and holiday cheer. It's heralding a time to face a harsh and often difficult world. The Ice Storm, director Ang

Lee's drama about 1970s American suburbia, unfolds during a freezing rain that magnifies the deep chill pervading every character's life. Actor Alan Rickman's directorial debut The Winter Guest(opening in the US December 24) is set on the Scottish coast on the coldest day of the year - a day that turns the sea to ice and leaves cold-cheeked

school bus crashing into a frozen lake in The Sweet Hereafter, and all the heavy parkas can't keep the victims' families from feeling naked in the bitter aftermath. "The very word 'cold' suggests

Law. "Cold increases people's

vulnerability."
"I think winter is death," says

Sweet Hereafter and adapted the Russell Banks novel.

Filming in the cold is no easy challenge. Lee's Ice Storm crew, working in 27° C heat in the spring and summer, was forced to manufacture the icicles appearing in much of the movie.

Rickman actually filmed The Winter Guest in terrible weather, and Thompson resorted to microwaving her boots to guard her feet from frostbite.

Yet the real test is not managing the weather but integrating it into the story, making it more than incidental set dressing.

In The Ice Storm, Lee never shows the ice melting until the film's concluding frames, when a family is reunited at a train station after a calamitous week. The frozen water pervading the film makes liquid water - crying, a water bed - appear all the more dissonant. When there's a thaw, it signals the beginning of change, the advent of a new emotional sea-

"The moment somebody hugs someone else or there's a tear is unbelievably visceral, because it's breaking through that weather," says James Schamus, who produced The Ice Storm and adapted Rick Moody's novel. "I think it's totally appropriate that people are watching the movie in the winter

The cold makes the human need for connection and comfort even more profound, says Rickman. The four pairs of characters in The Winter Guest want to warm their hearts, not just their hands.

"It's not meant to be a comforting time of the year," says Rickman, who originally directed The Winter Guest as a stage play. "It's the kind of weather that pushes emotions to the extremes. You lose a lot of mental capacities - it pushes you to the edge." (Associated Press)

When music is more than entertainment

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

s German maestro Kurt Masur heads today for Ben-Gurion Airport, off to more concerts with the leading orchestras of the world, he will no doubt reflect on the 10 days he spent here with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, which a few years ago named him an honorary guest conductor.

Masur, the music director of the New York Philharmonic, led the IPO in Beethoven's monumental Ninth Symphony preceded by Schoenberg's A Survivor from Warsaw, a very short piece that the composer wrote immediately after World War II.

"It's a commitment from my side to perform this work in general and in Israel in particular. Being a German and knowing the history, we must do this work in order to remember that music is not only entertainment; it is something much more fundamental to our society."

Yet these days, Beethoven's Ninth and its sweeping choral finale is definitely considered entertainment, being one of the most popular works in the repertoire. "I always try and make people aware of the entire symphony: try to show them that this is not just the 'Ode to Joy.' Beethoven lived in a time which was very difficult and horrible. And he was already totally deaf when he wrote this music, and so he must serve as an example of overcoming pain and suffering," Masur says.

"Beethoven was not just a musician; he was, above all, a philosopher and his philosophy is there for us to take if we listen to the music. He was a philosopher as powerful as St. Francis of Assisi.

"Beethoven is the center of classical music," Masur adds.
"Without him nothing that followed him would have been the



Maestro Kurt Masur likes the IPO's 'very Jewish string

Would Beethoven's Ninth sound different when Masur plays it, for example, with his own New York orchestra? Not necessarily.

"I'm not looking for big differences from one performance to the next one. I like the very Jewish string sound of the Israel Philharmonic but then again there are a lot of Jewish string musicians in New York, too. But there, the winds and brass are of a really high caliber."
Last week Masur led the IPO in

one of its late-night "jeans con-certs," in which the only thing on the program was Beethoven's Ninth.

"The idea is good, I must admit. But doing the Ninth with Broadway lighting is definitely

As for the jeans idea, Masur says: The outfit will not get new audiences into the concert halls. You can get new audiences with playing music they like, but playing it sincerely and without gimmicks.

"And yes, I do have my own blue jeans, which I wear in the six Tchaikovsky symphonies.

garden, but I did not go on stage with them. It would be weird to see an old man in jeans - after all I am 70 this year. So I put on my afternoon suit instead of the

evening tails." Contemplating further, Masur adds: "Actually, blue jeans for me are a kind of uniform and I don't like uniforms. I don't like people who dress à la mode. People should wear what is comfortable for them and not what everybody else does."

In New York Masur has tried various ways to lure new audiences into his the concert hall.

"We have casual concerts and we have rush-hour concerts. which are very popular. Many people will never return to the city if they go home at 5. So we give them a concert before they go home: it's an immense success. We must learn to adjust to the city we live in and to its needs as

well." Masur enjoys conducting concerts and recordings alike but he laments the fact that we "are all forced to be slaves of marketing. Imagination and artistic programming should be at the forefront, but this is not the case.

"Managements seem to believe that only they know what audiences want, but believe me, people get tired of listening to the same works over and over again. They should be aware of other works, too, and they want to be, but no one gives them the chance to actually see whether they like this new music."

Masur tries to do as much as he can to change the traditional concert program and listening habits in New York.

But in Israel, where he comes once a year to work with the IPO, he still sticks to a more conservative repertoire. When he returns next season to the IPO, it will be to lead the orchestra in a cycle of all

of the muse

Hanukka treats for youngsters

Hanukka is blockbuster season. The kids are home for eight days and entertaining them is big business. The first two offers: Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's beautiful and perennial fable, The Little Prince has been turned into a children's musical and will premiere at Tzavta Tel Aviv December 24, which is both the first night of Hanukka and Christmas Eve. Director Amir Maman tested 400 hopefuls to play the part of the prince who travels the cosmos in search of a true friend, casting 14-year-old

Amit Biran to star in the production.

TV stars Natan Natanson and Efi Ben-Israel, comedian Shahar Moshe, Bat-el Magen and Meyrav Haron divide the other characters among them. Maman also adapted the book and the music

Laserium is a 360-degree 3-D laser light show that's billed as "the closest thing to tripping out in inner space." It's a riot of color, sound, animation, special effects, music and sheer razzmatazz. Its creators have adapted existing films to this 21stcentury technology.

You can choose among a Beatles anthology, Pink Floyd's The Wall, a compilation Dance called Electrolight, Peter and the Wolf dubbed into Hebrew, and Addicted to Life, a special dedicated to the war on drugs and alcohol. It will be shown at the Planetarium of the Eretz Yisrael Museum in Ramat Aviv also from December 24.

Prizes for storytellers

Master storyteller Yossi Alfi is looking for unpublished (and untold) true stories connected with Jerusalem. The Jerusalem Municipality is offering prizes for the best ones. Send your story on an audio or video cassette by December 20 to Teatron Ha'am, 13 Sprinzak, Tel Aviv 64738. The finals competition will take place at the Jerusalem Theater on January 29. There will also be storytelling sessions at the city's community centers. The storytelling marathon is part of the municipality's celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem.

Educational TV has announced its annual scriptwriting competition for screenplays that will later become ETV programs. This year's subject is "Jewish and Zionist values today." The first prize is NIS 30,000. The winning script will be produced as a 24-minute drama. Entries have to reach ETV by February 15. The language for both the storytelling and script-writing competitions is Hebrew.

'Spring' comes early on kibbutz

Choreographer Daniel Ezralow will arrive within the next couple of weeks to work on his Metal Spring for 12 dancers which he created for the Kibbutz Dance Company with music by Israeli composer Yuvai Ron. The company has been rehearsing the piece with Ezralow's assistant, Irene Hogarth. Ezralow is well known to the Israeli public both as performer and choreographer. He was one of the original members of Pilobolus and more recently returned as Daniel Ezralow & Friends to dance at the Israel Festival. KDC is also rehearsing a companion piece for eight dancers, Join the Tears, choreographed by company dancer Martin Curry with music by Polish composer Henryk Helen Kaye

'The Full Monty' breaks box-office records:

The low-budget British comedy The Full Monty, which relates the fortunes of a group of unemployed steel workers who turn to stripping for a living, has become the biggest grossing British film of all time, film industry officials said on Saturday.

The Cinema Advertising Association said the film had taken £39.2 million (\$66.2 million) at British box offices to date surpassing the last big British hit, Four Weddings and a

But Monty has some way to go before beating Four Weddings on a worldwide scale.

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Scapegoating Israel

Then Scud missiles began to rain on Israel during the Gulf War, an outside observer might have wondered how it is that Israel gets attacked when a Western coalition - excluding Israel - is reversing an Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Israelis, of course, understood that Iraq was trying to break up the US-led coalition by transforming an inter-Arab conflict into an Arab-Israeli one. What is harder to understand is why the US itself would be playing into such tactics by backhandedly blaming Israel for its inability to reassemble the crumbling coalition against Iraq.

In her joint press conference with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in London on November 14. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright clearly linked the peace process with the crisis in Iraq, stating, "for the sake of the Middle East peace process and our broader mutual interests in the region, it is time for us to move on the peace process." Then, in a brilliant demonstration of how a seasoned diplomat can deny a barb and sharpen it at the same time, a senior American official told The New York Times: "Although we recognize no justified link between Iraq and the peace process, the reality is that it does make it harder to sustain Arab support for our positions in other areas. including the need to confront Iraq on weapons of mass destruction."

All of this was enough for the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, which fired off a letter last week to Albright calling the Administration's linkage between containing Iraq and the peace process "unfounded" and "counterproductive to progress in the Israeli-Palestinian effort to achieve peace."

"The issues in the peace process are unrelated to Saddam Hussein's aggression which long predated the Oslo Accords," the letter continued. "We recall when a similar crisis occurred a year ago, countries in the region showed the same reluctance to support the US position."

The next day, the Conference of Presidents received a response from Albright politely reiterating the same objectionable stance. While stating that the Iraq crisis and the peace process are "totally unrelated," she adds that "the status of the Arab-Israeli peace process affects the regional environment as a whole, and the realiwe have to deal with is that when the peace process is stalled our influence in the region is of such American gumption regarding Iraq crisis as well."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Imagine if President George Bush had taken such a stance when Iraq invaded Kuwait, and pointed to the then nonexistent peace process as the reason America's hands were tied. What a pathetic excuse for a failure in leadership that would have been. Yet the stakes, by the administration's own accounting, are scarcely lower today. Now, if anything, US Secretary of Defense William Cohen has painted an even more direct threat to the American people than during the Gulf War itself, when Iraq mainly threatened the Gulf states.

Holding up a 5-pound bag of sugar on national television. Cohen spoke of the devastation that that quantity of anthrax could wreak on a city like Washington. DC. Cohen wrote in the New York Times that the threat from weapons of mass destruction, particularly of the biological and chemical variety, is "neither far-fetched nor far-off," and that "counterproliferation has become an organizing principle in every facet of [US] military activity.

It is staggering that, in the context of the clear and present danger to "our children," as US President Bill Clinton put it, that the US would allow anything, much less a rocky spot in the "unrelated" peace process to spare Saddam Hussein from swift and certain punishment, if not removal. Instead, Saddam has emerged from this recent crisis with the US offering to increase Iraqi oil sales by 50 percent, an inspection regime weakened by increased Russian participation, and most of the UN Security Council even more dedicated to swiftly lifting UN sanctions.

To imply that Israel is to blame for this state of affairs is not just unfair, it is doubly irresponsible: It increases the Palestinian incentive to hold out for concessions Israel is incapable of delivering, while signaling to Saddam and the entire region that the US is willing to undermine its own campaign to contain Iraq in order to keep the heat on Netanyahu.

The "reality" (as Albright put it) behind the American diplomatic failure in the Gulf crisis is that no Arab state will lend America a hand in confronting Saddam if they think the US will leave Saddam with increasing power to threaten the region. The peace process deserves to be furthered on its own merits; America's influence in the region is determined by her own determination and resolve. If anything, the lack affected. ... [This] has manifested itself in this bodes ill for the peace process, not the other

Realistic view

YOSEF GOELL

This weekend's 50th anniversary of the UN partition decision has evoked a spate of assessments lauding the healthy pragmatism of the Zionist camp and its leadership as opposed to the head-against-the-wall intransigence of our Arab enemies.

OPINION

Pragmatism, in the sense of fargoing tactical flexibility, is always the preferable stance for the weaker party to a dispute, which the Zionists were in 1947-48 (and, one may add, the Palestinians are

Had the Arabs and the Palestinians not been so stupid in rejecting partition, it is quite certain that the nascent Jewish state would not have survived its first year

today). But the Zionist pragmatism which expressed itself in the heartbreaking readiness to accept the half loaf of partition, as opposed to the Palestinian insistence on getting the whole loaf, is not the entire story. The hard-nosed realism of a leader like David Ben-Gurion, who knew the importance of taking advantage of unexpected opportunities, is what made the establishment of Israel possible, using as a basis the window of opportunity

opened by the UN decision. It is important to recall that the UN decision did not call for the simple partition of Western Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. A bare majority of the General Assembly approved the plan for the fragmentation of the country into seven non-contiguous kms allotted it by the UN decision)

parts. Three of those pieces; a narnow coastal strip from Haifa to Ashdod, the Jezreel Valley and Eastern Galilee: and part of the Negev, which would barely kiss at two crosspoints were to constitute the Jewish state: Western Galilee, a much expanded Judea and Samaria; and a much longer and broader Gaza area, would constitute the Arab state. The internationalized region of Jerusalem and Bethlehem would be entirely surrounded by the Arab state. The viability of that fragmentation" was predicated on far-going economic cooperation between the three entities.

If ever there was a camel designed by a committee that had been asked to come up with plans for a horse, this was it. The plan was totally unworkable, because it was so totally predicated on Arab good will and cooperation.

HAD the Arabs and the Palestinians not been so stupid in rejecting that partition and so bloody-minded in going to war against its implementation, it is quite certain that the nascent Jewish state would not have survived its first year. All the Arabs had to do was simply choke it to death, and create a sufficient level of chaos to invite the return of Britain or even of a federal trusteeship on the part of the US, which at the time was of two minds over the wisdom of creating a Jewish state, to put paid to all hopes for Jewish sovereignty in any part of this country.

What made the creation of Israel a viable fact was that the Arabs did go to war and then proceeded to lose that war, albeit at the very heavy price to us of over 6,000 killed. The result of that mistaken Arab decision was that the 1948 war ended with Israel possessing 50 percent more of the territory (20,700 sq. kms compared to the 14,200 sq.

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and only 170,000 or so Arabs in that much enlarged territory.

Even today's "post-Zionist" and "anti-Zionist" revisionist historians do not go so far as to claim that Ben-Gurion was Machiavellian enough to have planned the expulsion of the 500,000-600,000 or so Palestinian refugees in advance. Ben-Gurion's realism reached its height when he resisted all attemnts to have those refugees return to the Jewish state at the end of the hostilities.

The most important lesson to be learned from those events of half a century ago is that the conflict was not brought to an end by the conclusion of that war, Indeed, the conflict goes on today, even in the midst of

between us and the Palestinians I support that separation and the

territorial compromise on which it is predicated because it is good for Israel It is the most dangerous of delusions, however, to con ourselves into believing that whatever compromise we reach with the Palestinians - including even acquiescence in the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel - will bring on the peace around the corner that so many of us hope for. Our basic pragmatism must continue to be infused with the same realistic reading of realicharacterized our that founders.

The writer comments on public

Better days will yet come

last month I joined a small crowd in the little Jewish burial ground at Wolvercote in Oxford. We had gathered for the funeral of the "wisest man in England" - some said in the

Isaiah Berlin was perhaps the last of the great Jewish intellectual polymaths with roots in the east European heartland of the period before the great dictators.

Berlin shunned publicity. He cooperated with a biographer. Michael Ignatiev, only on condition that the biography appear after his death. He set a similar proviso for the editor of his collected letters. The appearance of these will undoubtedly be one of the great publishing events of the millennium: Berlin was a wonderful letter-writer - witty, gossipy, dazzling in his range of literary reference, brilliant in his imaginative sweep, brutally candid in his judgements of men and affairs, yet guided by the basic humanity, the 'strong-minded liberalism" that made him such a formidable prophet of freedom during the Cold War years.

A few days after his death the BBC broadcast a recorded conversation between Ignatiev and Berlin. Although much of his work had been concerned with the intellectual foundations of the great ideological systems of our times, Berlin confessed that he had never been much interested in

BERNARD WASSERSTEIN

Then, as if to correct himself, he made one exception: Zionism. Berlin, indeed, was a life-long and passionate Zionist. A friend of Thaim Weizmann, he imbibed Weizmann's worldly, large-spirited, optimistic, energetic, far-sighted approach to the problem of Jewish statelessness in the first half of this century. A few days later a posthumous

firecracker was kindled when the press published Berlin's last public statement, approved for release on the day before his death. This called for the partition of Palestine between Jews and Palestinian Arabs. Berlin, it was reported, held that since both sides claimed total possession of Palestine, neither claim could be accepted without grave injustice. The only correct solution was, therefore, a compromise, with the country partitioned along the lines of the Oslo agreement.

"Ideally, what we are calling for is a relationship of good neighbors, but given the number of bigoted, terrorist chauvinists on both sides this is impracticable," he said. Hence his support for partition based on "reluctant toleration" among Jews and Arabs.

WHY should Israelis pay attention to this deathbed advice from a Diaspora Jewish philosopher? Berlin never argued from authority. He would not expect acquies-

cence in his views merely on ground of his intellectual prestige - any more than he would accept that the annexationist opinion of a Miami businessinan should carry As we celebrate this fiftieth 1982, during Ariel Sharon's tragi-cally misguided Lebanese adventure, the supposed authority of the then-defense minister's spurious invocation of the doctrine of military necessity. Berlin took a longer view of the needs of Israel and of the self-respect of the Jewish people: he protested with precision and clarity against

Berlin would not demand agreement now merely because he had been proved right on that, as on countless other, earlier occasions. He would expect us rather to look at the arguments and to form our opinions on the basis of deep reflection on basic interests. That was the kind of long-term thinking that guided the makers of the Oslo Agreement.

Sharon's bloodstained imperial

Last year long-term vision was narrowly defeated by short-term passion when the Israeli electorate, driven half out of its mind by the spate of suicide bombings, embraced the fraudulent security proffered by Binyamin Netanyahu. We now know how much that was worth: we can count it in lives -Arab as well as Jewish (Berlin was

not one who would accept the too common Israeli practice of counting only Jewish lives lost in conflict). No Israeli government has exhibited such an opportunistic short-term approach to the country's destiny as this one.

weight because of the money!" and versary of the United Nations behind it. Nor would be accept in partition resolution, we may compare the bullheaded politics of angry resentment embodied in the 10-second sound-bites of Israel's current leader with the reflective foresight of our people's greatest contemporary thinker.

At the heart of Berlin's thought was the idea of the incommensurability of values. Liberty, justice, equality, happiness were all worthy ideals but they were not all the same ideal and were not necessarily compatible. Hence the need for men to make hard choices - above all in this most terrible of centuries. Israel now faces such a choice. Will the country follow Netanyahu back into the blind alley of colonial rule? Or will Israel have the maturity, steadiness of purpose and self-confidence to grasp the nettle of partition?

The omens may seem dark in the short term. But humane-spirited Israelis may take comfort from the life and example of Isaiah Berlin - and courage from his last public words. Better days will yet

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SUSPECT IDEA

Sir. - May I join in the outcry against amnesty for jailed criminals as part of Israel's 50th anniversary celebration or for any other reason.

My suggestion for honoring this occasion would be a strong public campaign to instill the rights and obligations of citizenship and upright government to constituents and government officials alike, with the goal of a better country for all. Convicted criminals belong in

jail. The backers of this amnesty proposal should be investigated, named and publicly denounced. This idea is truly suspect!

LUCIE SHERMAN Tel Aviv.

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Sir, - I loved the headline of November 21: "Gov't beefs up Old City security after attack." The "after" says all there is to say about our state of readiness. It's laughable. And it's tragic.

MARILYN MAGEN Tel Aviv.

OVADIA'S CAR

Sir, - That the Palestine Police "found" Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's car doesn't surprise me; on past record, they had to look no further than in the senior officer's car

What shocked me far more was to read that the good rabbi has a car worth \$250,000! That's a lot of bread, the worth of a good flat! Now, nobody expects His Grace to take a vow of poverty and travel by bus, but surely a little more modesty might be more appropriate. What is wrong with, say, a Subaru Legacy. Is it not big enough to accommodate His Eminence's ego?

Whence cometh such great wealth, that can purchase so much opulence? We have all heard about the real-estate acquisitions of his favorite pupil, MK Aryeh Deri. Does the Shas party share its enormous wealth with its poor members, too?

JOE FRANKL

Savyon.

SUFFICIENTLY ACTIVE

Sir. - Gerald M. Steinberg writes in "Europe needs a code of (November 14). "France joined Russia in blocking the American and British proposals on Iraq in the UN Security Council... The French government continues policies that encourage Saddam to evade terms of agreement... French arms manufacturers made bil-

This past August, the French government announced that the United States' activity in the peace process is too "passive." At that time, France insisted on being permitted to become active in the

process. It would seem from Professor Steinberg's analysis that the French are already sufficiently active. Perhaps, a more passive and introspective role would be more appropriate.

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Jerusalem.

Deflecting the blame

The problem with appeasement is that it does not work. If it did, it might be tolerable. Sure, you give up your self-respect: You are the secretary of state of the world's greatest power and you are summoned by the Russian foreign minister from India to Geneva for a 2 a.m. meeting because he's got a date, you see, in Brazil(!) the next day, But you can swallow all that, Because you get peace.

The problem is, you don't get peace. The administration thought it had solved the tray crisis by offering Saddam "carrots" and letting the Russians reclaim a place at the Middle East table. Wrong, The crisis will not go away.

Why? Because Saddam wants his weapons of mass destruction and will keep thwarting inspectors. And he wants to start shipping oil.

The Russians, French and Chinese are on his side. And now. under the Russia-fraq deal that we legitimized by relying upon it to avert a showdown. Russia has used its newfound status to campaign openly for subverting the inspections and overthrowing the sanctions.

The campaign is bolder than ever. For years we have quietly acquiesced to Russian obstructionism on Iraq. Now Russia has seized the initiative and we are the obstructionists, trying desperately **CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER**

to fend off Russian proposals that will make inspections even more and thus jeopardizing "peace in our time." Now, the Clinton farcical than they already are.

The crisis is ongoing because Saddam knows that he is dealing with a weak president who answered previous provocations. such as Saddam's wiping out the CIA-backed Iraqi opposition in northern Iraq, with absurd pinpricks - e.g., bombing an empty building at night - and a declaration of American victory.

Saddam also knows that he's dealing with a weak secretary of state who in March says that any misstep by Saddam will lead to a cutoff of the oil (200 million barrels a year) he is allowed to export under the "humanitarian" loophole. But in November, as soon as Saddam serves up a real provocation - expelling American arms inspectors - she offers to increase Iraq's oil exports by 50 percent if he will just be nice.

THE most disgraceful part of this exercise, however, is the turning of a friend and ally into a sacrificial lamb. In the appeasement script you don't just sacrifice a lamb to the enemy. You blame the lamb for not going more willingly. At Munich, the allies were very cross with the Czechs for trying to

administration has shamefully turned on Israel for exacerbating

the Iraq crisis. . This is patent nonsense. This crisis, which began with the invasion of Kuwait and continues because Saddam wants weapons of mass destruction, has as little to do with Binyamin Netanyahu as it does with Mobutu Sese Seko, and he's dead. The administration, bereft both of policy and nerve in dealing with Saddam, is nonetheless trying to deflect attention onto

Israel. Thus Tom Friedman of the New York Times, parroting the State Department yet again, writes that the problem in the Middle East is too much "Saddamism" and too little "Rabinism," i.e., the problem in the Middle East is a twin problem: Saddam Hussein and Bibi Netanyahu. This is a faithful, uncoded elab-

oration of the administration line. A week last Friday, President Clinton delivered the coded version: Beginning with, "In recent weeks, as iraq has challenged the United Nations," just so you know he's talking about the crisis with Saddam, he goes on to declare that "the absence of peace between stay out of Germany's death grip Israel and her neighbors" - read:

keep its nonviolence commit-

reat nation. In the middle of a self-compounded crisis with Iraq. to scapegoat Israel is not just morally obtuse and factually

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On December 1, 1932. The Palestine Post reported that its first issue was an attempted step forward in English journalism in Palestine. The Palestine Post (which incorporated The Palestine Bulletin) had been entrusted to a new management under the editorship of Gershon Agronsky (Agron).

Published in Jerusalem in the interests of the entire population of the country, the new daily promised that nothing Palestinian would be alien to The Palestine Post. Its reports would be as objective as is humanly possible. and its criticism informed, legitimate and helpful. Readers were invited to cooperate in the Post's attempt to make the newspaper they would like to see produced in Palestine.

In the first letter to Editor, Dr. Nahum Sokolow, the President of

the Jewish Agency, described his past journalistic experiences. Eliahu Epstein (Elath) wrote on

the West and Beduins and Baron von Neurath on German rights on equality in armament.

50 years ago: On December 1. 1947, The Palestine Post reported the exaltation with which the UN Partition decision was welcomed in the towns and villages of Jewish Palestine. The merrymaking continued almost continuously from before dawn till after

The news, however, that buses had been attacked and seven Jews killed at various ambushes, coupled with the appeals for calm and caution made by National Institutions, had a sobering effect. but did not curb the general spirit

of rejoicing. A three-day Arab general strike and the intensification of boycott were decided on by the Arab Higher Executive. Mass protest meeting in Arab towns and villages were proposed. The Arab delegates who walked

out of the UN Assembly Hall after the vote issued a joint statement that the Partition was illegal and that they would not cooperate with the UN Implementation Commission.

25 years ago: On December 1.

1972. The Jerusalem Post report-

ed that our air connections to

world were cut for the second day by striking aviation workers. Sixty flights were affected. The Attorney-General reported that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan did not break the law in selling antiquities.

Alexande

Netanyahu's obstructionism -"compounds" and "makes more troubling" the "other difficulties, tensions and frustrations" in the region (i.e., the Iraq crisis: see Anyone who follows the Middle BI CELEVIINE East understands the message here: Iraq problem compounded by Israel problem. And we all know who's responsible for the Par Par on the Israel problem. American presidents are constrained from indict-Angel Street for the ing Israeli prime ministers by name. That's where Times colum-100 Bases 6 1 100 nists come in handy. This is truly disgraceful. It is Marie Commence one thing for the administration to argue - incorrectly, in my view -Charles The Rest of that Netanyahu has not lived up to Oslo. (In fact, he simply said that Bell Strange Laboration Series of the so long as the other side refuses to Bearing Comments

ments. Israel is under no obligation to carry out more of its commitments.) It is quite another to. imply that somehow if only Israel would immolate itself in accord with Arab demands, we'd be able to make Saddam lose his taste for botulism and anthrax. This is conduct unbecoming a

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Americans Decide War

May Not Be Quite So Scary

HERE'S nothing like a crisis with Iraq to get American blood boiling. For the moment, diplomacy has defused the

latest standoff over allowing United Nations

By ERIC SCHMITT

inspectors to resume their hunt for Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological arsenal. But opinion polls show that most Americans were prepared to support an extensive military strike to

force President Saddam Hussein to back down. This is in stark contrast to the tremulous tone of public debate in 1990, as America girded for war against

Mr. Hussein, and it seems to suggest that Americans have finally shaken off their famous Vietnam syndrome. But a question remains: Are Americans ready to use their muscle anywhere? Or is their attitude more conflicted than that, notwithstanding their eagerness to punish Iraq? A Newsweek poll taken Nov. 13

and 14, in mid-standoff, found that 53 percent of Americans favored using force if Iraq refused arms inspections because of American participation. And the figure climbed to 82 percent if Iraq were to shoot down an

American U-2 spy plane flying for the inspectors. If diplomacy failed, Congress was clamoring for an attack punishing enough to topple Mr. Hussein's regime. "I'd like to see him taken out," said Senator Trent Lott

of Mississippi, the majority leader. Even liberal pundits are sounding bloodthirsty these days. Last week George Stephanopoulos, President Clinton's former senior adviser, called on his old boss to ignore a Ford-era Presidential order barring American.-sanctioned assassinations and put out a contract on Mr. Hussein. "If we can kill Saddam, we should," Mr. Stephanopoulos wrote in the current issue of Newsweek.

What a change from seven years ago, when Americans and their elected representatives were almost evenly divided over whether to wait longer for economic sanctions to bite or to wage war to repel Iraq's invasion of Kuwait

The stakes were different then, of course; the fact that Iraq had conquered and occupied an independent neighbor made both the urgency of ousting Mr. Hussein and the potential cost seemed to demand a great deal

Still, the result seems to have emboldened Americans into replacing their old first instinct ("Don't go to war because we might lose and divide ourselves at home") with a new one ("Let's go to war; we'll win big and unify ourselves at home").

The polls show this. The politicians are talking the talk. And there are logical reasons to explain why



Americans seem to feel freer to use force now than

For one, people and generals everywhere tend to calculate their chances in the next war from their experiences in the last one. In 1990, the last big war was Vietnam. Now it is the Persian Gulf war.

Vietnam, moreover, had been only the final convincing course in a generation-long learning experience about the limits of American power. Before Vietnam fell, there had been the stalemate in Korea, inconclusive and frightening confrontations with the Soviets and insolent challenges from teensy nations. Standoff was largely the name of the game, and it seemed prudent to put up with that fact.

All of that had only begun to change in 1990; there

was, in fact, still a Soviet Union, even though it was fast coming undone. Now Americans have had plenty of time to realize how different the world has become without it.

But Iraq is also a special case. First of all, the United States and its allies have had seven years to de-

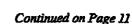
monize Mr. Hussein. And a wealth of new information surpassing nearly everyone's worst fears has emerged about the size and scope of his doomsday stockpiles. So unlike in 1990, when George Bush struggled to find an argument for defending Kuwait that resonated with the public. President Clinton can pick and choose from Iraq's terrifying array of poison gases and killer germs as a rationale to bomb away.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen, playing showand-tell on national television a couple of weeks ago, plunked down a five-pound bag of sugar and proclaimed that if the sugar were anthrax, a deadly bacteria, it could kill half the population of Washington. In case anyone missed his point, he said last week that the United Nations believes Iraq may have produced up to 200 tons of VX nerve gas, "theoretically enough to kill every man, woman, and child on the face of the Earth."

The public and Congress agree on the urgency of destroying Mr. Hussein's ability to inflict mass destruction, "We cannot let stand what they are doing," Senator

All this demonstrates that Americans, are still willing to fight to win a war that seems morally unambiguous. But the stakes have to be high enough and clearly defined, and the bad guy must be really bad. And since the end of the cold war, these clear-cut choices about what America must defend seem harder to come by.

Beyond the case of Iraq, the more likely model for American military operations in the foreseeable future is peacemaking, particularly if it can be described as a humanitarian venture. Cadets at West Point train for









Apology and the Holocaust

The Pope's in a Confessional, And Jews Are Listening

ROME

By CELESTINE BOHLEN

ORE than any other Pope in history, Pope John Paul II - leader of the world's almost one billion Roman Catholics - has asked forgiveness for the sins, crimes and errors committed in the name of his faith.

He has apologized for the persecution of Protestants, for the crimes of the Crusaders; he has asked forgiveness for the abuses of Europe's colonial-era proselytizing around the world; he has voiced regret at the church's repression of Galileo and condemned its silence regarding Italy's own murderous Mafia.

But with only two years to go before Christianity closes the books on its first 2,000 years, the Pope has yet to ask forgiveness of the Jews for the violence they have suffered over the centuries at the hands of the church,

its followers and, in some cases, its leaders. Most particularly, he has yet to make a reckoning of what many have condemned as the silence of the Vatican during the systematic slaughter of Europe's Jews by the Nazis during World War II.

And it is this apology that weighs most heavily on the church. It was first promised in 1987 by the Pope himself in a meeting with American Jewish leaders in Miami. It has been anticipated in apologies to the Jews by the Catholic bishops of Germany, Poland, Hungary and, most recently, France, for the failure of their local churches to oppose the Holocaust.

Many Jewish leaders see the long-awaited papal statement on the church, anti-Semitism and the Holocaust - being prepared by the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism - as the conclusive test of the willingness of the church to confront its share



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Global Warming

Are the world's political and economic systems capable of responding fast enough? By William K. Stevens

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The story of Russia's top economic reformer provides some sobering reminders. By Alessandra Stanley

The Enemy of My Enemy. . .

Strange-bedfellows buffs will love the war against drugs.

By Raymond Bonner





Ideas & Trends

Cushioning the Shock Of Global Warming

WEEKLY REVIEW

By WILLIAM K. STEVENS

N the debate over global warming, attention has focused mainly on how to reduce emissions of excess carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping industrial waste gases. Negotiators from more than 150 countries will convene tomorrow in Kyoto, Japan, to try to agree on just such cuts.

But many experts are convinced that whatever action is taken, the world's political and economic systems are probably not capable of responding fast enough to keep carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere from rising, late in the next century, to about twice what they were when fossil fuels began to be spewed into the air during the Industrial Revolution in the late 18th century.

If mainstream scientists are right, a doubling of carbon dioxide would mean that the world is already assured of a substantial rise in global temperatures and sea level, heavier rainstorms, more severe droughts and floods and a poleward shift of climatic zones.

With that realization, the question of how well the world is prepared to adapt to climate change is gaining

"We are pretty clearly going to be moving into uncharted territory in a world of doubled carbon dioxide concentrations," said Dr. Richard Moss, an expert with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, an advisory group set up by the United Nations. "Developing and implementing adaptation options seems to be a prudent course at this point."

While some strategies for coping with a different climate might be devised, it would probably not be possible to cushion all shocks. Such measures as building sea walls and planning for more efficient use of water in increasingly drought-prone areas, for instance,

There will surely be winners as well as losers: while Canadian and Russian farmers might reap more wheat, African farmers might reap drought-induced disaster. While summer heat in the southern United States might be more intense, northern winters might be milder. The economies of entire regions - tourist-dependent New England, for instance - might be transformed with uncertain results. Adapting to climatic upheaval would surely involve great human and financial cost despite any planned measures.

A Hardy Species

But humans are a resilient species. They have always had to contend with climatic change and have often been profoundly affected by it. Conventional wisdom now holds that Homo sapiens owes its very existence to a climatic adaptation. According to this view, the onset of a drier ice-age climate in sub-Saharan Africa some 2.5 million years ago shrank forest cover, expanded grasslands and forced a certain species of pre-human to take up a two-legged life on the ground permanently, setting off an evolutionary chain of events that led directly to

Much later, experts now believe, a similar drying so constricted natural food supplies in the Middle East that people were forced to begin cultivating grains - a revolutionary adaptation that transformed human society and touched off a population expansion leading to human dominance of the planet. Still later, megadroughts in both hemispheres destroyed several early empires that failed to adapt.

In the Little Ice Age of the 15th to the 19th centuries, the inability of humans to adapt to extreme cold led to crop failures, starvation, mass migration and, in some instances, cannibalism. But despite the misery and cost, that same time (which was punctuated by some mild periods) was one of the most creative in history, the era of the late Renaissance, the Enlightenment, the Ameri-

can Revolution and the rise of the industrial economy. One way to get at the question of how to adapt to

The Weather Outside Is Frightful

Facts about the threat of climatic change may be in short supply, but opinions aren't, judging from a new poll by The New York Times and CBS News.

Most people see a human hand in global warming . . .

Global warming is a result of NORMAL CLIMATE 1% DON'T KNOW/ GREENHOUSE BOTH

In the past few years, would you say the weather generally has followed its normal patterns or been stranger than usual?

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Poll of 953 adults conducted by telephone on Nov. 23-24

global warming is to ask how well modern people already deal with extreme events, like floods and droughts, that are expected to become even more extreme. "The answer is, not well," said Dr. Michael H. Glantz, a social scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., who bases his conclusion on a number of case studies in the United States.

The worst prospects are in developing countries, which in many ways are inherently more vulnerable. Countries like Bangladesh, Egypt, China and many small island countries, for instance, stand to see much or even all of their territory inundated by rising seas.

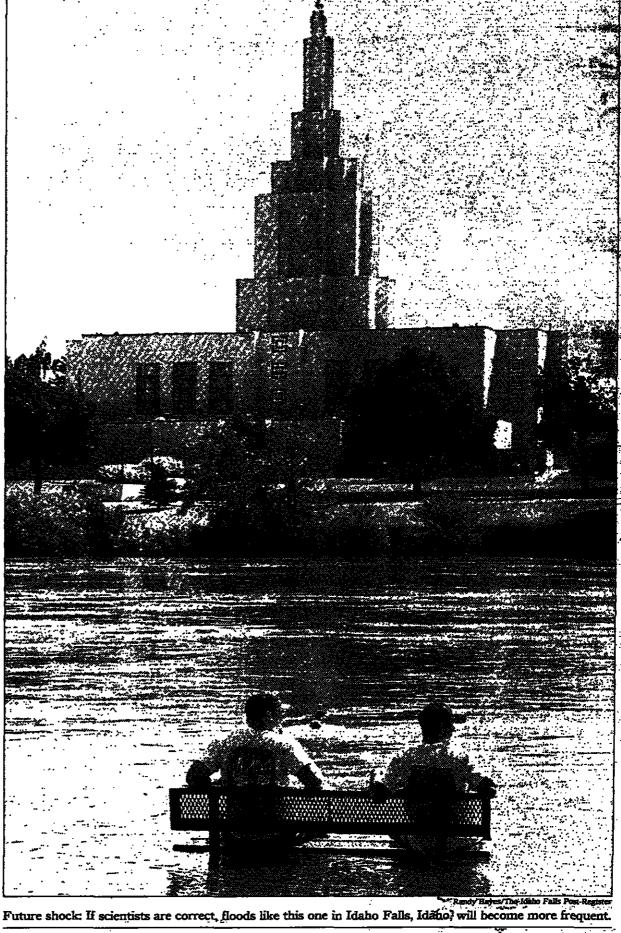
At the same time, many third world populations, particularly in drought-prone countries, exist precariously close to the edge. Any increase in the length or severity of droughts could push them over - and their countries' agriculture-dependent economies as well.

To a great extent, the United States and other rich countries "have managed to insulate ourselves from the vagaries of climate," said Dr. Peter Gleick, the director of the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Security in Oakland, Calif.

For instance, the United States has spent billions on reservoirs, dams, pipelines, aqueducts and irrigation systems that help smooth out the effects of climatic extremes on water supplies and floods. "But people in most developing countries really live with the climate," said Dr. Gieick. "It the rains tail,

rivers flood, often they die." Similarly, farmers in the United States have at their disposal a wealth of expertise and resources to help them adjust the kinds of crops they grow to cope with a new climate - albeit at some cost. A farmer in much of Africa or in Bangladesh has nothing comparable.

In North America, global warming would probably bring some benefits. Northern climes are already becoming greener as the world warms, and future warming might expand the continent's agricultural belt. Farmers farther south could switch crops; citrus fruits might



replace field crops in Georgia, for example. Milder northern winters could cut the costs of heating and snow

 But for every benign impact, according to the intergovernmental panel, there would be at least one negative counterpart. How will the New England tourist industry adjust, for instance, if brilliant fall foliage is replaced by duller oaks and hickories from farther south and ski slopes turn to slush? How disruptive and expensive would it be to progressively abandon beachfront developments as seas rise? What would be the impact of increased summer demand for air conditioning on power supplies and costs? Are public health agencies ready for an expected increase in heat-related deaths and possibly the migration of tropical diseases farther north? These ques-

tions are just beginning to be asked. The typical response to climate-related disaster has usually consisted of waiting until something bad happens and then scrambling to cope. Recent examples include

the Mississippi River flood of 1993 and the Ohio River and North Dakota floods of 1997. If heavier rains and more severe droughts are in the cards, as the panel predicts, the vulnerability can only increase.

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But inertia is a powerful force: even after a big flood like those of the last few years, people continue to tempt fate by living on flood plains even though Federal policy now encourages them to move — with one hand, anyway With the other, it encourages them to stay by insuring

In the end, there is probably only so much that can be done. "I think there are limits to adaptation even in the rich countries," said Dr. Gleick. Experts have barely begun to probe what those limits are.

Fifty or 100 years from now, if scientists' predictions about climate change turn out to be right, it may be that people will take the new climatic order in stride. How much pain, strain and cost lie between here and there is anything but certain.

We, the People . . .

Constitutions Are the New Writers' Market

By ANTHONY DePALMA

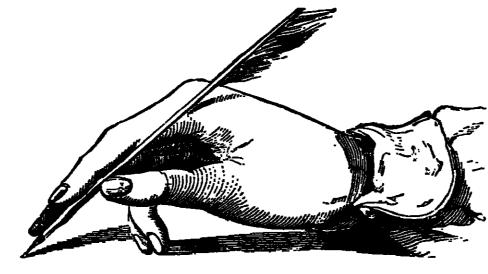
FTER years of wrangling, Poland finally adopted a Constitution last month that formally enshrined the rule of law. Thailand too has a new Constitution - the 17th in the 65 years since it became a constitutional monarchy.

And although their land, Padania, is still nothing more than a name that sounds like it came from a Marx Brothers movie, secessionists in northern Italy are busy at work drafting their own constitution.

"This is the new era of constitution-writing," said Gisbert H. Flanz, the editor for the last 26 years of a continuously revised work called "Constitutions of the Countries of the World" (Oceana Publications, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.). The 20-volume collection occupies two whole shelves at university libraries and always needs to be updated. "We are publishing eight supplements a year," said Professor Flanz. "It keeps us very busy."

Hardly a week goes by now when some constitution somewhere in the world is not hauled off to a political chop shop and pulled to pieces. The collapse of Communism gave rise to a legion of constitution writers in Central and Eastern Europe. Now, Professor Flanz says, the real activity is in amending the constitutions there and in drafting new ones in the republics of the former Soviet Union, as well as in emerging countries in Africa and Asia.

However many countries are doing it, the writing of a constitution is no simple thing. While the whole idea of a constitution is that the people have reached a consensus about the rules by which they choose to be governed, no other legal document is the source of more controversy. Typically, the effort that goes into drafting, interpreting and amending a basic charter is matched only by the effort to violate or get around its



hallowed phrases at one time or another. Take Canada.

In perhaps no other country is the constitutional debate so tortured - and so weird. The discussion has been going on for almost a generation and still has so many Canadians so upset that at a meeting of provincial leaders last year, one premier threatened to walk out if another amendment was even mentioned.

An Escape Clause

Back in 1931, the British gave all their dominions the chance to adopt their own constitutions, but Canada continued to rely on an act of the Imperial British Parliament until 1982. In that year, Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau had the British legislation adopted as Canada's Constitution, adding an American-style charter of rights. To entice Quebec into the fold, the new Constitution also included an escape clause, un' of elsewhere, that allows provincial '

tures to overrule the charter.

Even so, Quebec never signed the Constitution and since 1982 its leaders have claimed that Quebec is under no obligation to abide by its dictates. Now comes the weird part.

In its continuing campaign to make Quebec a bastion of Frenchness in a sea of English speakers, the provincial government wants that same Constitution it does not recognize to be amended. Since 1867, authority over public schools in Canada has been split between Catholic and Protestant school boards. Quebec insists that it makes more sense today to use language rather than

religion to administer the schools. So to recognize separate French and English school boards, Quebec's Premier, Lucien Bouchard, asked Canada's Parliament for action to amend the rejected Constitution.

Wacky as that sounds, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien went along, not wanting to miss an opportunity to show Quebeckers how flexible Canada's Constitution can be. After

the House of Commons approved the change two weeks ago, Mr. Chrétien smiled like the Cheshire cat: "We succeeded in the impossible," be remarked. "We squared the circle."

The art of constitution writing around the world these days often seems like a conjurer's trick, especially when the writers try to cover every aspect of a nation's daily life.

In contrast to the United States Constitution, which set the mold for brevity and flexibility, most constitutions now try to cover every contingency. South Africa's brand new Constitution stretches for 150 pages, and isn't anywhere near the longest. Brazil's goes on for more than 200 pages. India's supreme document exceeds 500 pages, including amendments.

Nevertheless, no matter where there is a new constitution being written, Americans usually are involved.

"The Japanese do computer chips; Americans do constitutions," the Czech President, Vaclav Havel, was heard to say when his country began pursuing constitutional reform a few years ago.

Ideal, but Too Short

In fact, the United States Constitution is now the oldest written constitution in the world. In the 19th century it was widely emulated by new states in Latin America and became an ideal for other nations struggling with questions of equity and human rights. Today, however, the fashion in constitution writing is to use the words of the Founding Fathers as examples of what a constitution should not be.

The Constitution's brevity — it is just 10pages, with about that many more in amendments - seems to most modern drafters absurdly short and maddeningly vague. They prefer to leave less room for court interpretation by cramming more into the charter itself. But often they underestimate just how much would have to be crammed in to make a constitution fit all situations.

"We were meeting in an enormous room in a castle outside Prague and I said the number of law books we have on free speech could fill five or six rooms this size," said Martin Garbus, a New York expert on the First Amendment who helped the Czechs and Slovaks in constitution-drafting. "They didn't understand why you couldn't just write a paragraph that would take care of

The Bill of Rights, in all its simplicity, was a constitutional innovation in the late 18th century, but today such declarations of human rights are de rigueur.

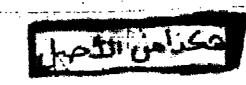
"It's not hard to write a good, comprehensive human rights catalogue partly because many of the people who vote for them don't really take them too seriously." said Herman Schwartz, a professor of constitutional law at American University in Washington who helped write the constitutions of 10 countries in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. "Iraq, I'm told, has a wonderful bill of rights, but it doesn't mean anything."

Iraq's bill of rights guarantees freedom of religion, protection against discrimination and, in Article 26, "freedom of opinion, publication, meeting, demonstration and the formation of political parties."

The real fight, Professor Schwartz said, is about power and how it is divided - a fight that sometimes involves creative constitutional interpretation. After declaring martial law in 1992, Peru's President, Alberto Fujimori, persuaded a new Congress to amend a Constitution that had limited presidents to a single five-year term, to allow them to serve two consecutive terms.

Then last year he went to congress again, and won an interpretation that considers his current term his first under the new Constitution, opening the way for a third term.

When a constitutional commission ruled against this interpretation, he had the justices dismissed



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The World

Castro Foe's Legacy: Success, Not Victory

By MIRTA OJITO

LAGS are flying at half-staff here and mourners are flocking to a cemetery in Little Havana, the heart of the Cuban exile community, to grieve at the freshly dug grave of Jorge Mas Canosa, the longtime leader of the most powerful Cuban exile organization in the United States, who died here a week ago today after a yearlong battle with cancer.

His death, at 58, has united foes and admirers in one thought: His passing was, they say, untimely. He died relatively young and far from reaching his goal of one day returning to a democratic Cuba, one without

Jorge Mas Canosa died not in Havana but Miami, where the exile leader had little left to accomplish.

Fidel Castro, the revolutionary who has ruled the island for the last 38 years. A multi-millionaire with both a common touch and the trappings of power - including a bodyguard, a builetproof car and a fiercely loyal retinue - Mr. Mas never denied that one day he hoped to run for office in Cuba.

A Sense of Timing

Just six months ago Mr. Mas told a reporter that he was not gravely ill and that he was going to outlive those who were spreading rumors about his impending death. But in the end, his cancer-wracked body down to less than 100 pounds and his hair all but gone, the accepted his fate.

Those closest to him say this acceptance was a testament to an unshakable religious faith. But it may have also been a testament to Mr. Mas greatest asset as an astute lobbyist and political leader: his impeccable sense of timing. His political success had been so thorough, his accomplishments so great that there was little more he could do for Cuba from this side of the Florida Straits while Mr. Castro remained in power.

Victories

In his zeal to oust the Castro regime, he had masterfully exploited the power of the United States - a country he perhaps knew more intimately than his own. In doing that, however, Mr. Mas had effectively closed off his own options. He could no longer hope to shape United States policy toward Cuba because he had already pretty much done so, through a series of laws that he helped to conceive, write and pass to tighten the decades-old American embargo against the is-

Although Mr. Mas was by no means idle in the last month of his life, nor had his foundation lost its clout in Washington, both he and the foundation had lost the impetus that comes only when there is much work to do.

In the United States, Mr. Mas had, in effect, done everything possible until now, and done it quickly and very well. He could have lobbied for more laws to antagonize Mr. Castro, his supporters say, but it would have been difficult to top what he had already managed to accomplish.

From the moment the Cuban-American National Foundation was created in 1981, Mr. Mas showed a knack for riding the wave of America's moods. The tax-exempt foundation was the brainchild of Richard Allen, President Reagan's first national security adviser, who thought Cuban exiles could focus their influence on Cuba policy as effectively as the American Israel Political Action Committee - Aipac - had lobbied on behalf of Israel in Washington.



Outside St. Michael's Church in Miami last week, mourners for Jorge Mas Canosa, the Cuban exile leader.

Buoyed by the euphorically anti-Communist years of the Reagan Administration, the foundation cemented its power by lobbying for and eventually getting Radio Marti, a United States Government radio station that broadcasts news and entertainment to Cuba. Five years later, Mr. Mas convinced Congress that a television station was also needed. TV Marti was born.

Shift to Congress

When members of Congress began talking about the need to open lines of communication with the people of Cuba, Mr. Mas stepped in, helping to shape the 1992 Cuban Democracy Act into a somewhat ambiguous law that tightens the decades-long embargo against Cuba while poking enough holes in it to allow for academic and cultural ex-

But perhaps Mr. Mas's greatest feat, accomplished with the help of his nemesis, Fidel Castro, was getting President Clinton to sign a bill that limited the White House's power on Cuban matters.

The Helms-Burton law was signed reluctantly by Mr. Clinton last year shortly after the Castro Government shot down two unarmed planes flown by Cuban exiles. It not only prescribed American penalties for foreign companies that do business with Cuba; it also put the fate of Cuba largely in the hands of Congress. It did so by shifting control of the embargo, the only weapon the United States has consistently yielded against Mr. Castro, from the President to Congress, establishing stringent conditions that must be met before it could be lifted.

Since Helms-Burton took effect, there has been very little talk in Washington about Cuba and, by definition, very little for the

Cuban-American National Foundation to do while it waited for the fall or demise of Mr. Castro. When that happens, the foundation may again use its influence in Congress to define United States policy toward Cuba.

Turn to Europe

At the time of his illness, Mr. Mas had focused his energies in Europe, lobbying European leaders to pressure Mr. Castro to introduce democratic reforms in Cuba. Perhaps that route would have also taken Mr. Mas far. But, given European leaders' penchant for not siding with the United States on Cuban issues, perhaps not.

And 16 years after the formation of his foundation, while still vigorous and far from his main goal, Mr. Mas would have become, if far from powerless, a victim of his own success in the United States.

Deciding War Isn't

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such missions, and politicians have learned how to sell them. Recent efforts to halt civil or ethnic strife that threatened to get out of hand have included Stop the Famine in Somalia, Restore Democracy in Haiti and End the Genocide in Bosnia.

But Americans are still hesitant to get involved in these episodes.

As the first American troops arrived in Bosnia two years ago, a CBS News/New York Times poll found that 55 percent of those surveyed opposed the mission, while only 40 percent supported it. Respondents said Mr. Clinton had explained the situation well enough; they just didn't feel they had a direct stake in the conflict.

Today, even though no American forces in Bosnia have been killed in combat in those two years, Congress is still pressing the Administration to pull out the troops by June 1998 — although it remains to be seen just how hard lawmakers will fight so long as the mission is going well.

In Iraq, the public seems to be willing to pay a higher price - but only up to a point. In a curious way, the thumping American military success there in 1991 is posing thorny problems for American plan-

Easy Win

The new-found bellicosity toward Saddam Hussein seems to spring from a belief that the military can thwart him with unmanned Tomahawk cruise missiles or a few bombing runs, and suffer few if any casualties. But this view doesn't take into account how many bombs were dropped on Iraq in 1991 without forcing a withdrawal from Kuwait. For that, it took tanks and infantry.

Disarming Mr. Hussein's arsenal of horror weapons poses a similar problem. Mr. Clinton's generals have presented him with a plan to bomb every suspected weapons site in the country. But as the President himself is fond of pointing out, the 88,000 tons of bombs dropped on Iraq during the gulf war had less success in destroying its clandestine arsenal than have United Nations inspectors since the war.

Without inspectors on the ground, the only other reliable option would be to send in ground forces. No one in the Administration wants to talk about that, mainly because of the much higher risk of casualties.

And unlike Mr. Stephanopoulos, 55 per-

cent of Americans surveyed in a recent Gallup poll opposed a plan to kill Mr. Hussein - even though, according to another poll, 73 percent thought he should have been ousted in 1991.

Even in Iraq, it seems, Americans are more comfortable with uneasy coexistence than with sending a hit man to deal with the enemy they feel should have been removed

six years ago. So the the war of nerves continues.

School for Scandal

The Burning of a Russian Crusader

By ALESSANDRA STANLEY

is the kind of political parable that enchants Western democrats eager to see Russia adopt the rule of law: A top Government official is implicated in a corrupt financial deal, written about in the press and punished. Accountability, it seems, has gained a foothold in a system that once respected nothing but power.

But the story of Russia's top economic reformer and his questionable \$90,000 book contract is far from a case study in how the nation's fragile democracy is taking root. Instead it is a sobering reminder of how far Russia still remains from Western standards of open government.

Anatoly B. Chubais, 42, was disgraced by an ethical misstep of his own making and could face dismissal. But he was tripped not by a free press and a fair hearing, but by the bankers and tycoons who support free-market reform only as long as they remain free to control the market.

There is little question that Mr. Chubais crossed ethical boundaries by accepting a book advance from a publishing company owned by Oneksim Bank, which recently won a series of coveted auctions of state property. What is hazier is the atmosphere of ruthless political warfare, entrenched corruption and back-door intrigue that may have driven Mr. Chubais to take the money, and almost certainly prompted his enemies to use it to try and destroy him.

The book contract was a stupid blunder, but beneath it lies a far graver miscalculation. Determined to destroy the last vestiges of the Soviet command economy, Mr. Chubais helped create the crony capitalism that grew in its stead. He then tried to use Russia's corrupt oligarchy, figuring he could tame it and replace it with a more open, free-market system. But he badly underestimated the bankers' resistance to change — and his own vulnerability.

During the 1996 presidential campaign, Mr. Chubais, as President Boris N. Yeltsin's campaign manager, struck a Faustian bargain with the tycoons who are now at war with him. He took their money and used their media outlets, and with their collusion brazenly flouted election rules to keep a Communist victory at bay - the state in effect undermined democracy to save it. But the abuses were hardly in line with the kind of government accountability Mr. Chubais says he stands for.

Payback Time

Russian journalists, who feared that a Communist victory would crush freedom of the press, also dropped all pretense of fairness and balanced coverage. They are now paying the price; their newspapers are mostly owned by bankers who expect the same standards of journalism that "pre-

A Western-style morality tale with a homegrown twist.

served" democracy in the election to now serve their business interests.

When Mr. Yeltsin won, the businessmen who bankrolled his campaign expected a payback from the Kremlin, and helped Mr. Chubais secure his lofty position as First Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the economy and economic reform. Once in power, however, Mr. Chubais thought he had a mandate to break with the past and set new standards of free-market competition and fair play. Instead, in the vast sea of corruption and cronyism at the top, he was the one accused of favoritism.

On the surface, the exposure of Mr. Chubais's book deal was a textbook example of solid journalism - except that the story was broken by a reporter who writes for newspapers belonging to one of the businessmen most bitterly disgruntled by Mr. Chubais's efforts to change the rules of the game, a banker and media tycoon named Vladimir Gusinsky. Mr. Gusinsky was abetted by Boris Berezovsky, an oil and media tycoon who also made his fortune on the back of the

sweetheart deals and favoritism that characterized Mr. Chubais's early efforts at privatization. When Mr. Chubais persuaded Mr. Yeltsin to fire Mr. Berezovsky earlier this month from his perch on the national security council, the two tycoons easily dug up the smoking book contract to wreak their

What Mr. Chubais really intended to do with his share of the advance he and four other associates collected remains a mystery. Shortly before the scandal broke, Mr. Chubais said 95 percent of the royalties from the planned book, a history of privatization, would be donated to charity. If that was his intention be failed to follow through; the day the story about his hefty advance appeared early this month, his allies hastily set up an economic reform foundation. But that foundation was controlled by the same former Chubais aide who was entrusted in the presidential campaign with a \$3 million interest-free loan to Mr. Chubais from Stolichny Bank, which benefited from previous privatization deals.

Mr. Chubais has yet to explain the transactions. In the siege mentality that reigns at Chubais headquarters, the money might seem like a legitimate war chest. But outside the Kremlin combat zone, it looks like a

Mr. Chubais has not admitted doing anything wrong, but has conceded that his \$90,000 fee was too high. Actually, the main thing in his favor is the relatively paltry sum of his payment, which is a fortune to ordinary Russians but risible compared to the millions of dollars in bribes that are traded between Government officials and top businessmen every day in Russia.

A Paper Trail

If Mr. Chubais was simply seeking to get rich, he could easily have followed the welltrod path of cash payments and numbered Swiss accounts. It seems unlikely he was seeking to line his own pockets; Mr. Chubais is obsessed with power and his role in history, not with Armani suits and foreign cars. A somewhat priggish bureaucrat, he may well have tried to hew as close to the line of legality as possible. In doing so, he left a paper trail that his enemies - who are far cleverer at hiding their own ill-gotten gains — proved only too eager to exploit.

Mr. Chubais came into government five years ago as a free-market crusader. Faced with the ugly reality of Russia's entrenched corruption, he went on to make pragmatic but deeply damaging compromises on the age-old calculation that the end — economic stability and reform — justified the means.

Mr. Yeltsin has reached the same conclu-

sion. Pressured by Parliament, the public and the country's leading bankers to dismiss Mr. Chubais, he has so far resisted. Mr. Yeltsin has said he deplores the ethical breach but argues that Russia's fragile economy cannot afford the loss of Mr. Chubais. On Friday, Mr. Yeltsin was quick to add, "for now."

For now, at least, Mr. Chubais has been saved by the very practice of unprincipled pragmatism and compromise he entered public service vowing to reform.



In March, protesters burned effigies of the Communist leader Gennadi Zyuganov, left, Boris Yeltsin, center, and Anatoly Chubais.

The World

Joining With the Taliban In a New War on Drugs

WEEKLY REVIEW

By RAYMOND BONNER

LASHKARGAH , Afghanistan HIS grim, remote town is the capital of Helmand province, the opium-growing capital of the

Once dubbed Little America because of all the aid workers here, the province is now controlled by the Taliban, the Islamic fundamentalist movement that forces men to grow beards and women to stay at home, amputates the hands of thieves, and strips tape from cassettes because music is considered evil.

The Taliban has been widely condemned for autocratic conduct and has been accused of providing a safe haven, and training camps, for terrorists.

But last week, the new head of the United Nations' drug-control agency sat down with Taliban leaders and offered them economic assistance. The reason: the

In Afghanistan, harsh economic realities confront even harsher Islamic law.

group's religious strictures ban drugs of any kind, and it has declared its intention to stamp out the cultivation of opium poppy, the base for heroin.

Western democracies, which got into bed with unsavory regimes to fight Communism, are now finding allies who are rather unpleasant - and unreliable - in the war on drugs.

The United Nations and its top drug fighter, Pino Arlacchi, need the Taliban to meet a publicly declared goal of eliminating drugs around the world within a decade. No one doubts that Mr. Arlacchi's vision is audacious. But this serious, energetic Italian academicturned-politician has been asked if he is not also naïve. After all, more drug battles have been lost than won. Latin America, for example, is littered with the remains

of well-intentioned projects to wean peasants off growing coca. Unlike their coca-growing counterparts in Latin America, however, Afghan farmers do not have a long history of harvesting poppy. Twenty-five years ago, poppy production here was 200 tons; last year, it was

So Mr. Arlacchi is convinced he can succeed. Twenty years ago, he noted, opium was grown in just about every country across Asia, from Turkey to Thailand. Now, he said, the war can be concentrated on just two countries. Afghanistan and Burma; together they account for 90 percent of the world's opium supply.

Mr. Arlacchi has begun here, where the Taliban's militancy works in his favor. The Taliban's religious fervor clashes, however, with a secular reality - opium poppy has been a major source of their income. And there is widespread skepticism among American officials and United Nations diplomats over which will win out.

But even the skeptics think it is worth testing the Taliban, which controls 90 percent of the poppy-growing

Western governments will also be tested because the poppy-eradication project is going to cost at least \$25 million a year for 10 years in Afghanistan. For at the core of Mr. Arlacchi's program are alternative development projects. Give farmers the means to grow crops other than poppy, the theory goes, and they will become lawabiding citizens.

Will Congress contribute America's share for a United Nations project? With the money going to the Taliban, liberal human rights activists might unite with conservatives to oppose the spending. Anticipating problems, Mr. Arlacchi is assembling what he calls a "council of wise men," prominent world leaders from government, industry and the arts, to help him raise money.

It was only after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 that amber fields of grain gave way to bright

As the country sank into war, everything fell into disrepair, from tractors to irrigation systems; fertilizer and seeds have been hard to come by. So farmers turned from wheat, melons, cotton and their traditional crops to poppy, which is labor intensive but yields more dollars



In Kabul, street justice is meted out by a Taliban fighter who arrests a man found with 1.1 pounds of opium.

per acre than traditional crops.

Last year, for example, a 60-year-old local farmer named Agha Mohammad planted 14.5 acres in poppy. For his harvest, he was paid \$7,920 by drug smuggiers. So this year, he is planting three more acres, he explained last week as three of his small sons chased away birds trying to feast on the newly sown poppy seeds.

Mr. Mohammad, who has a long snow white heard, is a tenant farmer. The land owner, Hazad Mohammad, said he took in \$16,528 last year from growing poppy.

Incentives

In a country where the per capita income is \$100 a year, it is not easy to imagine that these men would give up this revenue source. But both men insisted they would.

"We are only growing opium to support our families," said Mr. Mohammad, whose family numbers 23. "If we can be assured of irrigation water, we'll cultivate the crops we did before the war."

On the edge of the field is a small canal. It is a channel of the Boghra irrigation system, which was built in the 1960's with American aid money. It is an impres-

Stretching for 40 miles through flat, desert land, the main canal passes low, thick mud-walled houses set among orchards and small vegetable plots. Green shoots sprout in the plots that get water; camels and donkeys wander in the fields.

Before the war, the canal's waters irrigated 61,000 acres, making this region the bread basket of Afghanistan. Now the canal is filled with 15 years of silt, and most of the water-control gates are rusted.

The irrigation system can be repaired so that farmers can again grow wheat, onions, and apples. But then drug traffickers will still be able to offer the farmers two or three times as much for poppy.

"That's why we need incentives and sanctions," Mr. Arlacchi said, as he walked from Mr. Mohammad's

The incentives will come from the West, in the form of development aid. The sanctions will be applied by the Taliban, of course. Authoritarian enforcement may be distasteful to the West. So were many of the dictators Washington dealt with during the cold war.

Talking in Turkey

Dissent in a Land of Contradictions

By STEPHEN KINZER

ISTANBUL NEW prison drama opened house, and by the time the premiere performance ended, more than a few of the spectators were in tears as they stood to applaud.

At one point in the play the lead character, a blind and bearded chain-smoker, says to a fellow inmate, "Sometimes I wonder whether the people doing this to us are human or whether they are totally oblivious to the people around them."

"Whatever they do," his friend replies, "it's fear that makes them

The play is remarkable not just for its trenchant treatment of human rights issues, but because it was written by the lawyer and social critic Esber Yagmurdereli, who happens to be a blind and bearded chain-smoker with long experience in Turkish prisons.

Mr. Yagmurdereli was recently sentenced to another long jail term, but he was released after a wave of foreign and domestic criticism. For years a faceless prisoner, Mr. Yagmurdereli has suddenly become the most prominent figure in the human rights firmament here. In a situation that recalls the more highly publicized experiences of China's dissidents, his case reflects some of the contradictions of Turkish politics.

Western governments criticize rights abuses in Turkey, but continue selling weapons to the security forces. Critics openly damn the regime, but are often brought to trial for doing so. Prisoners, including those convicted of aiding terrorism, are freed when foreign pressure de-

Mr. Yagmurdereli's release, for example, came as the European Union was reviewing Turkey's application for membership and as Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz was preparing to visit Germany and the United States. Officials said they were releasing him because he was in poor health, but as he walked out of jail he told reporters, "I have not been given a medical examination as far as I know."

"What I want is that my ideas be regarded as true or false, rather than as useful or harmful," he said. "Expression of one's thoughts is still an offense in Turkey. My release in this way does not mean the problem has been eliminated, and I will continue my struggle to resolve this problem as long as it exists."

Singled Out

In Turkey as in other countries where human rights are at issue, protesters and their foreign supporters have always found it useful to single out a figure who crystallizes the debate. Journalists concerned about press restrictions here picked the jailed editor Ocak Isik Yurtcu last summer, and soon after they began organizing international protests on his behalf, he was



The playwright, portrayed by his cousin, in Istanbul.

A reminder that allies can have human rights problems, too.

released. Campaigners against jailhouse torture have seized on the cases of Metin Goktepe, a journalist who died in police custody in 1996.

In Washington, pro-Kurdish activists are staging a hunger strike not just for Kurds in general, but specifically to win the freedom of a prominent Kurdish firebrand, Leyla Zana, a member of the Turkish Parliament who was stripped of her seat in 1994 and then jailed on charges of support-

Mr. Yagmurdereli, who lost his sight as a child, was sentenced to death in 1978 after being convicted of directing a terrorist cell. His sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment, which in Turkey is equivalent to 35 years. He served more than 13 years, seven of them in solitary confinement, before being paroled in 1991.

Although terms of his parole meant that he would have to serve the remainder of his sentence if he committed another crime, he nonetheless threw himself back into political activity. He helped form a left-lear party and organized a campaign to ga one million signatures protesting th against Kurdish separa

Inevitably the justice system finally caught up with Mr. Yagmurderell again. He was convicted of encouraging separatism and sentenced to a year in prison, plus the nearly 22 years rea his previous life sentence. He had served just three weeks when the Government bowed to foreign pressure earlier this month and suspended his sentence for one year, a highly unusual if not unique maneuver.

Turkish rightists were furious. "Yagmurdereli is a sheer terrorist, not a human rights figure or anything like that," said Altemur Kilic, a conservative politician and columnist. "The Government is showing its weakness by releasing him."

Turkey is in a unique position among the world's human rights violators. In many ways it is a free and open society. It considers itself pro-Western and is a valued member of the NATO alliance.

Precisely these aspects of Turkish society encourage writers, politicians, and journalists to challenge the state in ways that would be unthinkable in Iran or Iraq, Burma or Belarus, Cuba or Kenya, Syria or Sudan.

Location, Location

But in doing so, they confront a power structure that fears that open discussion of issues like Kurdish identity will encourage separatist terrorism.

Like many of Turkey's problems, the human rights dilemma has its roots in the Kurdish southeast. Military commanders and their civilian supporters insist there can be no serious change in military and police tactics, or in laws restricting freedom of speech, until the war there is over. But the war itself is fueled by resentment over those tactics and laws.

Although European countries have condemned Turkey's human rights record, its strategy in the southeast and specifically its imprisonment of Mr. Yagmurdereli, the United States has been more cautious. A strong coalition in Washington, led by powerful Greek, Armenian and pro-Kurdish lobbles, presses for action against Turkey, but successive administrations have blocked it on the grounds that Turkey's strategic position is too valuable.

Turkish human rights leaders are not impressed when foreign governments urge Turkey to improve its human rights record. and they were unmoved by German, French and British appeals on behalf of Mr. Yagmurdereli.

"As long as these countries sell weapons to Turkey, they don't have the right to say anything about human rights here," said Nadire Mater, who has been active in many human rights campaigns. "These public statements are like a game. A government says something or makes some protest, but at the same time these governments are Using weapons which are used to carry out olations. That is not being serious."

The Pope and the Jews

of guilt for the tragedy that befell the Jews. "It is not so much an apology we are looking for, since this Pope has many times expressed remorse for anti-Semitism," said Rabbi David Rosen, director of the Israel office of the Anti-Defamation League, the league's Vatican liaison. "But what could resolve the outstanding resentment which is Il to be found among Jews is an honest reckoning of the actual role church leaders took during the period of the Holocaust, and to what extent this was impacted on by

church teachings on Jews and Judaism. "It is clear," he added, "that there are some in the Vatican who have reservations about how far it should go."

Arab Christians

Some observers attribute the document's slow progress to resistance from Vatican diplomats concerned with the church's relations with the Arab world, and in particular with the status of an estimated 10 million Arab Christians, who feel caught in Arab-Israeli hostilities in the Middle East. In the past, resistance from Arab Christian leaders has contributed to the Vatican's hesitancy first to recognize the state of Israel, and to

improve relations with Jews generally. Others detect a wish among church officials to put a stop to apologies altogether. "It makes no sense to judge completely diverse situations, three, four, five centuries after the fact," Giacomo Cardinal Biffi, the archbishop of Bologna, said recently.

No Catholic leader would deny that the church bears a historical burden of anti-Judaism - a prejudice that, as the Pope himself recently admitted, crept into interpretations of the New Testament, damning the Jews collectively as "Christ-killers." But in the minds of many Catholics, that doesn't mean the Catholic Church bears a responsibility for the Holocaust. They point to the distinction between anti-Judaism (a religious prejudice) and anti-Semitism (a racial prejudice); between the Church itself and its followers, and between the Church's failure to challenge the Nazis and a conclusion that it shares the Nazis' guilt.

Even the Pope, in offhand remarks to reporters during a recent trip to Brazil, seemed almost annoyed by questions about the long-awaited document. "It is interesting that it is always the Pope and the Catholic Church who ask for forgiveness while others remain silent," he said. In fact, the Protestant Church of the Rhineland, for one, in 1980 admitted the church's "co-responsibility and guilt" for the Holocaust.

Three years ago, the Pope set the year 2000 as a deadline for what he calls the church's "examination of conscience." He has scheduled two theological symposia to examine its history - the first on anti-Judaism, held last month, and one next year to study the Inquisition, the papal courts that at various points in history weeded out heretics with systematic brutality.

Most Vatican experts expect the Pope to issue a pastoral letter sometime before the year 2000, in which he will atone for a range of sins including anni-Semitism. Some experts expect a separate document on the Holocaust, the one Jewish leaders have been awaiting for a decade. "There will be an apology," said one Vatican observer. "The

question is for what." Many say the 77-year-old Pope has aiready done everything but formally apologize to the Jews. Born and raised in southern Po-

land, where many of his friends were Jews, his commitment to the eradication of anti-Semitism in church ranks has been evident since he became Pope in 1978.

In 1979, on a visit to the site of the Auschwitz death camp, he referred to the Holocaust as the "Golgotha of our century." In Rome in 1986, he became the first Pope ever to visit a synagogue. Under him, diplomatic ties between the Vatican and Israel were finally established in 1994.

Some groundwork was laid earlier. At the Second Vatican Council in 1965, the church formally repudiated collective Jewish guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus, and condemned anti-Semitism. Since then, other documents have been issued, purging Catholic texts of such phrases as "perfidious Jews" (once part of the Good Friday liturgy) and pressing for more active Catholic contacts with Jewish communities. "Today the Catholic church is not part of the problem, but part of the solution," Rabbi Rosen said.

But for many Jews, the Vatican's failure to make a public accounting of its actions during World War II rankles the most. Its accusers see Pope Pius XII's general silence as evidence of the church's indifference to the fate of the Jews. His defenders say the Pope, fearful of Nazi wrath against Catholics, deliberately kept his voice low, while encouraging and even directing efforts to save Jews.

John Paul has already signaled that he will not stand in judgment of Pope Pius XII. During a trip to Germany two years ago, one of his speeches contained a passage — which he chose not to read aloud - attacking Pius's critics. "Those who don't limit themselves to cheap polemics know very well what Plus XII thought about the Nazi regime, and how much he did to help the countless victims

persecuted by that regime," the text said. Last month, at the Vatican symposium on anti-Judaism, the Pope provided another hint about how far he is likely to go on the Holocaust. His remarks were elaborately. even awkwardly, worded, reflecting the intellectual pains taken to produce them, and can be summed up as follows: Certain strains of Christian thought, both wrong and unfair, fueled hostility toward the Jews. These erroneous interpretations of the New Testament, he said, played a role in numbing Christian consciences, to the point where many Christians, confronted with 20th century anti-Semitism, lost their moral bearings and failed to mount the spiritual resistance "expected of the disciples of Christ."

Passivity

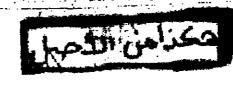
Thus, in the Pope's view, it was not the church that promoted anti-Judaism, but wrong headed Christian thinkers. Nor was anti-Judaism the incubator of the Nazis' anti-Semitism, which was a racist, not a religious, campaign. Finally, the moral failure of many Christians during the Holocaust was not one of active participation but of passivity (though the Pope stressed that many Christians did oppose the Holocaust, at great risk).

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Many Jewish leaders would prefer to see the Pope concede a more direct link between anti-Judaism and the mentality that shaped the Holocaust. But most say the church's main task now is to continue to eradicate prejudice wherever it is found. "The issue is to reach the conscience of the faithful, an effort which is under way," said Tullia Zevi, head of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities. "These things take time. We are a patient people, and the Church is a patient institution. We move in slow times. The issue is to move in the right direction,"



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ECONOMY

There's No Stopping Tommorow for Mick Fleetwood

By GERALDINE FABRIKANT

CK FLEETWOOD is trying, maybe for the first time in his life, to think about tomorrow.

It's an about-face in the 50-yearold drummer's attitude toward money that could make him rich. By rights, Mr. Fleetwood should already be a zillionaire. For 30 years, the 6foot-6-inch Briton has been the heart of the Fleetwood Mac band, whose top five albums alone have sold about 55 million copies, including "Rumours" in 1977, its first mega-hit and one of the 20 best sellers of all

But in those early days of glory, Mr. Fleetwood always lived for the moment, going through thousands of dollars of cocaine a month, refusing to listen to financial advisers' prognostications and impulsively buying up several homes, a \$400,000 spread in Hawaii and a \$1.8 million farm outside Sydney, Australia.

His buying spree eventually helped lead to disaster, forcing him to declare personal bankruptcy in the mid-1980's and put his "kingdom up for sale," as one Fleetwood Mac song described it.

Then the go-go 80's gave way to the sober 90's, and Mr. Fleetwood, going with the flow, did likewise. Six years ago, he decided to take charge of his life, and in an impressive turn-

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"After a while, it turned into a nightmare," Mr. Fleetwood recalled. 'The party after the gig was sometimes more important than the gig." And then, finally, he continued, "It slaps you around the face, and you go: This has got to stop."

To be sure, sobriety has had its price. "I think life is more on the edge when you are horribly aware of what is going on all the time," Mr. Fleetwood said in an interview in Boston, one of the stops on a tour that brought Fleetwood Mac to New York last week. "If something is going to hit you, it will hit you head on when you are not stoned." Even so, he said, the price is worth it. "Don't kid yourself," he said. "Life is a lot more interesting now than the crazy things that one can remember, and I mean that one can remember."

Dressed in a blue cotton suit and a yellow gauze shirt, Mr. Fleetwood tucked his giant frame uncomfortably into a too-small chair in the dining room of the Bostonian Hotel. He repeatedly crossed and uncrossed his legs, as if nervously recalling incidents he would just as SOOD forget.

Mr. Fleetwood figures his sharper mental focus should enable him to hold onto his money this time around. And there should be plenty of it, A 44city reunion tour of Fleetwood Mac's five most famous members, began

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on Sept. 17 in Hartford, and ends tonight in Washington, It is expected to bring Mr. Fleetwood, Stevie Nicks, Lindsey Buckingham, Christine McVie and John McVie about \$3.5 million each, according to several industry experts. In addition, the tour should pump up sales of their old albums and generate about \$600,000 more apiece in royalties.

Perhaps Mr. Fleetwood's biggest challenge in securing his financial future will be to avoid the temptations endemic to the business: what he calls "the Chuck Berry Syndrome," the tendency of high-rolling musical performers like Mr. Berry, the rock-and-roll legend, to live from one big payoff to the next.

'Chuck would never walk on stage without having the cash handed to him." Mr. Fleetwood said. "It's the psychology of being a gigster. You play the gig and go back to the dressing room and say: 'This is for you, and this is for you.' It is very of the

That freewheeling mentality made easy for Mr. Fleetwood to throw his money around. And throw it around he did. "Mick likes real estate and restaurants," said Carl Stubner, Mr. Fleetwood's new manager, thinking back to his client's spendthrift days. Mr. Fleetwood's impulsive real-estate purchases led to his bankruptcy, and two subsequent restaurant investments turned out badly, as well.

HIS time around, Mr. Fleetwood is convinced he has a savvier team behind him. Mr. Stubner, 34, is a former stock broker and an agent at Deluxe Management, an artists' management firm in Los Angeles. And Mr. Fleetwood is now planning to turn over the bulk of his funds to David Manashe, a friend of Mr. Stubner and a stock broker at Dean Witter Reynolds, a unit of Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, Discover & Company.

Mr. Stubner said he acts as a financial gatekeeper for Mr. Fleetwood, who is frequently approached with deals. "People solicit me," Mr. Stubner said. "They park themselves on my doorstep. I want to align him with people who have credibility." Mr Fleetwood has already met with Mr. Manashe and believes him to be Propried by Solutinan, Salaris & Co. using a base desired of stock market performance. The FT indices are a thorough researcher whose invest-compiled control by The Financial Times Limited. Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Standard & Poor 5, 1931 ment approach be will generally for

¹⁰Mr. Stubner sees his role as more than just doling out financial counsel. He has helped Mr. Fleetwood put together a record label called Fleetwood Music, which is already working on its first album, "A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac." Happily for Mr. Fleetwood, "I am not putting my own capital up," he said. "I have partners." Atlantic Records puts up the money and, once it is recouped, shares the profits with Mr. Fleetwood. Such "tribute labels" are a common strategy these days of performers heading into middle age from the Rolling Stones to Bob Dylan - who try to leverage their super-

Neither side would disclose details of the arrangement. But it is the venture's musical possibilities, not its financial potential, that seems to animate Mr. Fleetwood.

star status into a rich payoff.

"It is a whole creative thing. The artistry behind it. I am going to do the artistic direction not a record company," he said. Elton John has already recorded one track, while Jewel, Matchbox 20, Shawn Colvin and the Cranberries are also contributing to the compact disk that will be out in March.

Mr. Stubner views one of his tasks as cooling his client's high-risk passions for restaurants and real estate. Mr. Fieetwood currently owns a home in Los Angeles and another in Hawaii, and Mr. Stubner thinks that is quite enough. He may not be able to keep Mr. Fleetwood away from restaurants, however.

"I will probably venture into that again," Mr. Fleetwood said. "For me it is like having a gig every night." As to his failed 1994 restaurant venture in Washington, he acknowl-"Carl wasn't real happy edges: about it."

The one gig that doesn't hold much charm for him is poring over his investments. For that, he relies on Mr. Stubner and his third wife, Lynn Frankel, a 34-year-old former public-

Once bankrupt, Mick Fleetwood could earn \$3.5 million from touring.

relations executive, whom he married in 1995 after a six-year relationship. Her late father had overseen Mr. Fleetwood's investments until his death two years ago.

Mr. Fleetwood's lack of curiosity about the way Ms. Frankel's father handled his money says much about his interest in the topic. "I don't know the specifics," Mr. Fleetwood said, "My wife's father had an adviser. Her father was very much into that whole New York Wall Street thing. He did very well."

That willingness to trust others is unusual even by celebrity standards. Mr. Fleetwood and Ms. Frankel never signed a prenuptial agreement, he says. And according to Brian Adams, a friend and former partner of a Los Angeles accounting firm and now a sole practitioner, in the 1970's, "He never read a contract agreement," preferring to put his faith in his advisers. Mr. Fleetwood's dyslexia may have played a part in his deference to others on financial matters, Mr. Adams added.

Mr. Fleetwood attributes that inattention to his "crazy, hazy period," rather than to dyslexia, and says he now does read agreements.

Several industry executives believe the current tour is more of a financial imperative for Mr. Fleetwood than for other members of the band. Though he declined to comment specifically on his net worth, he would say only half-kidding, "I'm not broke if that's what you mean." Whereas in contrast, Mr. Buckingham is said to have held onto his money, and Ms. Nicks has earned income from hit solo albums rovalties for songs she wrote.

Aside from his expected take of several million from the tour, another possible windfall awaits Mr. Fleetwood. In 1987, he said, he invested about \$400,000 in the Hotz Corporation, a producer of computer software to make it easier for starting musicians to play music, started by his friend Jimmy Hotz. Suddenly, that move is looking smart. Last year, the Intel Corporation and other investors put up \$2 million to help bring the product to market. If it takes off, the value of Mr. Fleetwood's stake could multiply.

Mr. Fleetwood realizes that the public, dazzled by the luxuriant life styles of some rock stars, would be disappointed by details of his own somewhat reduced circumstances. 'We want to believe other people have grandeur," he said.

Perhans because he focuses so much on music and his fellow musicians rather than on his portfolio, his financial standing doesn't seem to be uppermost in his mind. It is his personality, after all, that is the glue that held Fleetwood Mac together in its early days and that has helped bring the members back together. "I'm really good with people," he said. "That's what it's all about. That creates vision and involvement and energy with other people."

His love affair with music began in his adolescence. Born in Cornwall, England, in 1947 to a career military officer and his homemaker wife, Mr. Fleetwood was sent to boarding schools and almost immediately encountered difficulties with his studies, the result, he later learned, of his dyslexia. Frustrated by his academic failure, he found solace in playing the drums, and by the age of 16 had run off to London to make his fortune in rock and roll. Within four years, he had joined

John McVie, Peter Green, Jeremy Spencer and Danny Kirwan, to create Fleetwood Mac. Though the group was immediately successful in England, it did not hit the United States until 1969. A year later, Mr. Green left to lead an ascetic religious life. Then Mr. Spencer disappeared in Los Angeles and turned up as member of Children of God, a religious cult

Though the group reconfigured several times, it was not until 1975, after Mr. Fleetwood asked the guitarist Lindsey Buckingham and the singer Stevie Nicks to join the band, that it hit the big time. The new group's first album, Fleetwood Mac, sold six million copies and hit No. 1 in November 1976.

Intimacy bred its own problems. Mr. Buckingham and Ms. Nicks, who had been romantically linked, separated. John and Christine McVie divorced. Drugs and liquor were a staple of life for some band members. At first the emotional turmoil seemed only to fuel the band's success. Its next album, "Rumours" sold 25 million copies worldwide. Tours were sold out.

UT for Mr. Fleetwood, the addictions to drugs and spending were beginning to take

Becoming a heavy cocaine user in the late 1970's, he would buy drugs not only for himself but for friends, according to Mr. Adams, the accountant and one-time adviser to Mr. Fleetwood. "I will tell you that he was very generous," Mr. Adams recalled in a recent telephone interview. "There were a lot of people that glommed off him."

As his success grew, so did Mr. Fleetwood's appetite for real estate. He had a home in Bel Air and one in Malibu in California, the land in Hawall and, in 1980, the farm in Australia. In none of the purchases did be have any particular purpose in mind.

Even Mr. Fleetwood has a hard time explaining his obsession with land, but he seems to have regarded it as a refuge from the turmoil of his life. "I was finding a way to create a creative kingdom, a safe harbor from what was a very crazy world at that point," Mr. Fleetwood recalled. 'Australia was a very safe place."

His advisers warned him against the purchases, but Mr. Fleetwood now says that they didn't speak up enough. Celebrities, in his view, are sometimes indulged, just as children. "You often go out and buy them candy, and you know you shouldn't, because they're moody and crazy,' he said. "But you still let them have

"In anyone's language, it was a lot of money," he added. "But I was not into doing a major amount of bean counting."

Had he been, he would have noticed that all his expenditures were eating up his shrinking cash flow. Most of his money flowed into property, not his drug habit, Mr. Adams calculates. Mr. Fleetwood, by contrast, told The Washington Post in a recent interview that he had spent \$8

million over the years on cocaine. After "Rumours," the band had negotiated a megadeal for "Tusk" in 1978. Mr. Fleetwood took a \$2 million advance, but by the time he saw the Australian property in 1980, he had

apparently spent it and had to borrow the \$2 million purchase price from Security Pacific Bank. That loan was based on a guarantee from Warner Music, which in turn took all of Mr. Fleetwood's assets as collateral, according to documents filed in connection with the bankruptcy.

Payments of interest and principal on the loan were running at about \$800,000 a year. Mr. Fleetwood's other expenses, including his various mortgages and alimony payments, brought his budget to about \$1.6 million a year, according to Mr. Adams. And looming on the horizon was the huge tax on the \$2 million advance.

Meanwhile, "Tusk" did not match the success of "Rumours." By 1981, it was clear to Mr. Adams that Mr. Fleetwood was headed for bankruptcy. So he flew to Australia to inform his client of the direness of his financial situation. He found a man in denial. "He told me that it was not possible," Mr. Adams recalled. Staying with the drummer, he woke up one morning and found Mr. Fleetwood had left for Singapore.

But Singapore was only the first stop on his itinerary. From there, he headed for Africa, where, during one drunken binge, he smashed a \$7,000 Rolex watch to bits with a beer bot-

Over the next three years, Mr. Adams says, Mr. Fleetwood continued having trouble facing up to reality. And Mr. Fleetwood concurs that was living in something of a fantasy world. "I just didn't care because the roller coaster took precedent." he said. "You felt untouchable."

But that couldn't last forever. Finally, in 1984, Mr. Fleetwood declared bankruptcy in a Federal court in Los Angeles. It would take him nearly a decade to climb out of his personal and financial morass.

For one thing, he had less career flexibility than some other group members. He could neither write songs nor perform alone. "It is a very specific thing that I do," he said. "I cannot play without people. I am a drummer. I can't play in my living room." For another thing, he was still us-

ing drugs and drinking. He testified in court papers that the bankruptcy was financially and emotionally devastating. And, in a recent interview in Rolling Stone magazine, Ms. McVie recalled that Mr. Fleetwood had told her back then that "he was living in somebody's basement with a damp carpet. . . and he used to lie in bed watching soap operas all day

In the interview for this article, Mr. Fleetwood said he quit drugs "like that," six years ago, and snapped his fingers. Though he is vague about his motivation, he attributes much of it to a desire to build a relationship with his wife, Lynn, and his love of being a musician.

Once he was clean, it was easier to talk with former band members about the reunion tour. Lindsey Buckingham said he felt as though he were finally talking with the old Mr. Fleetwood. And the success of the road show has given him a second shot at fame - and modest wealth. This time, at least, he is likely to hold onto some of it.

Not that he has the financial sophistication to go it alone. While he admires the financial acumen of Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones, who attended the London School of Economics, his own economic views are simplistic, with occasional lapses into conspiracy theory boilerplate. The "real elite are the people who run this planet. You don't hear about them," he said. "Two hundred million dollars is a lot of money, but it is not in the big picture, It is peanuts. There are people with huge dynasties of wealth. They earn that in a week in oil.

"It's the banks that run the planet, the Trilateral Commissions," he added. "Who do you think runs all the governments? Banks, and when it comes down to it, probably not that

Such musings suggest strongly that Mr. Fleetwood will remain as dependent on advisers as he was a decade ago. But he is betting that he has picked a better team. And now that he leads a somewhat calmer life, he should have the time to listen to them.

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The Price of Nuclear Preparedness

Nuclear weapons are expensive companions. The United States has spent billions of dollars building and improving nuclear bombs since Robert Oppenheimer and his team assembled the first at Los Alamos more than five decades ago. Now that the creation of new weapons is suspended, it turns out that still more billions are needed to keep old weapons ready for use. While some spending is required, the program devised by the Clinton Administration and Congress is extravagant.

The plan stems from negotiated reductions in warheads and a new treaty that bans test explosions. Warheads that were once constantly replaced by new designs perfected through underground tests could now remain in arsenals for 25 years or more. Scientists do not know precisely how long the slowly decomposing radioactive elements in these weapons will remain reliable. As long as there are nuclear weapons, the countries that possess them must be confident that their warheads are usable and credible to any potential foe.

Washington's answer is the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Program, budgeted to cost at least \$45 billion over 10 years. It has been larded with projects attractive to senators like Pete Domenici of New Mexico, whose state houses two weapons laboratories, and seems partly designed to insure Senate ratification of the test-ban treaty.

Since 1958, scientists have been removing a number of warheads each year and subjecting them to non-explosive mechanical analysis, including physical disassembly. More recently, the weapons labs have been developing computer simulation models and experimenting with subcritical miniexplosions to maintain the stockpile.

The stewardship program builds on these methods, as well as laser-driven fusion experiments, and provides financing for advanced scientific research into the physics of nuclear explosions. Its most expensive element is a new, \$2.2 billion National Ignition Facility in Livermore, Calif., designed to use precisely tailored laser light to compress a droplet of nuclear materials, creating a tiny fusion explosion that can be closely studied. It will attract a new generation of weapons scientists whose skills would be needed if the test-ban treaty were to break down and a new arms race began.

Some effort to maintain necessary skills is appropriate. So too are computer simulations and mechanical sampling to learn more about what happens to bomb trigger mechanisms as plutonium decays. Adequate supplies of tritium must be assured in case decaying warheads need to be replaced. But the stewardship program must not subsidize unrelated experimentation or allow any effort to design and build more advanced weapons.

The Congressional Budget Office has proposed less expensive ways to assure weapons reliability. One approach would be to consolidate the work at one of the existing labs and do without the ignition facility. Another would rely on commercial reactors to produce tritium instead of calling for a new Government plant. Congress, whose budget ax is so keen on social programs, owes taxpayers a disinterested study to determine how far the stewardship program can safely be cut.

Avoid Judicial Gerrymandering

A hasty, politically motivated Republican drive to break up the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit gave way to compromise just before Congress adjourned. Instead of instantly dismanting the San Francisco-based appeals court as a Senate-approved appropriations rider had called for, a House-Senate conference committee agreed to a one-year study of all regional appellate court boundaries. The study will be conducted by a five-member commission chosen by Chief Justice William Rehnquist and will give special emphasis to the Ninth Circuit.

This could turn out to be a valuable exercise. The structure of the Federal appellate system warrants serious review for various reasons, like rising caseloads and population shifts. Much will depend on the quality of the commission and the Chief Justice's determination to insure a balanced approach that serves the needs of judicial ad-

ministration and avoids judicial gerrymandering. That was the trouble with the Senate measure. The Ninth Circuit covers nine Western states and two Pacific territories. The rush by Senate Republicans to split the circuit - creating a second, presumably more conservative court - was motivated not by size but by a desire to affect decisions on the environment, Native American rights, the death penalty and crime.

Given the conservative Chief Justice's disdain for many of the Ninth Circuit's rulings, there is a danger that he will pack the study panel with members whose minds are closed to the idea of preserving the Ninth Circuit as a single court.

Yet the nation's top judge is also an eloquent defender of judicial independence. He must choose his commissioners with an eye to preserving that independence against Congressional efforts to rig iudicial outcomes.

A Safety Net for the Neediest

The city seems safer and more prosperous to those with good jobs and peaceful homes, but New York's most vulnerable residents struggle daily for food, shelter and freedom from violence. With unemployment in the city at 10 percent, boom times have not come to people on the margins of society.

All over New York, neglected children are waiting to be fed. Young mothers are struggling to cope with too few resources. The elderly, often cut off from families, are languishing alone in silent apartments. Unexpected illness, a divorce or a layoff from a job can push a family into crisis. Private generosity is now more important than ever as governments at all levels retreat from sustaining society's weakest members.

Today The New York Times's Neediest Cases Fund begins its annual appeal to help seven of the city's largest and oldest charities provide the poor and the abused a shot at a better life. In a big city, it is often hard to see how one can help one's neighbors. The annual drive, first held in 1912, does that by putting every dollar into direct aid for people in the city's five boroughs. No money is

diverted for solicitation or administrative expenses. Donations will help the Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service pay for a program in the New York public schools to combat child abuse and provide emergency cash and food aid for families on the verge of collapse. The Children's Aid Society, another beneficiary of the fund, reaches 100,000

children a year with services ranging from transitional housing for homeless families to running mobile health clinics in the poorest neighborhoods and tutoring programs for teen-agers all over the city. The Community Service Society of New York, another beneficiary, prevents homelessness by giving clients cash to help them stop evictions, while rehabilitating buildings to house the homeless and low-income families. These efforts form part of a social safety net that no city can survive without.

Every dollar can help make New York a more humane and caring place to live. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Checks should be made payable to The New York Times Neediest Cases Fund and mailed to P.O. Box 5193, General Post Office, New York, N.Y. 10087.

Promiscuity Is Not the Norm in Gay Culture

To the Editor:

It is distressing that some among New York City's "best-known gay journalists, artists and academics" believe that, aside from sexuality, the gay community has "almost nothing else that brings us together" (Week in Review, Nov. 23). If Michael Warner, an English professor at Rutgers University and a founder of Sex Panic, is right, then we might as well shut down every lesbian and

gay studies program in the nation. But Mr. Warner is wrong. Outside the narrow circles of self-anointed gay leaders is a large and diverse world of gay men who refuse to define themselves by sexual exploits with multiple partners. Throughout the nation, gay men increasingly describe their community as a complex culture defined by the experience of living in the midst of oppression in a heterosexually defined world, not by the narrow parameters of bedpost notches.

The danger lies with insisting that multiple partners is the norm and that sexual safety is ultimately un-PAUL BEAUDET DAVID WERTHEIMER

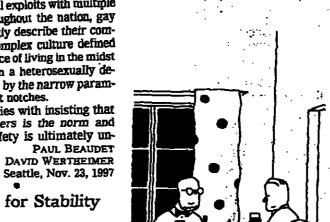
Searching for Stability

To the Editor: "Gay Culture Weighs Sense and

Sensibility" (Week in Review, Nov. 23) implies that advocacy for same-

sex marriage, adoption and other change in social policy is driven by the desire for societal acceptance of homosexuality. More accurately, this advocacy stems from the desire of many lesbians and gay men to create relationships and families for reasons shared by most adults: to promote stability and to enrich the lives of others.

Your article's focus on societal acceptance versus sexual liberation only partially captures the debate about what it means to be homosexual. For many lesbians and gay men, the more important debate is about how to maximize opportunities to



Haitian Immigrants Haven't Had Special Help

To the Editor:

I disagree with Representative Lamar Smith's justifications for excluding Haitian immigrants from legislation Congress just passed to ameliorate the effects of the 1996 immigration law for immigrants from Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Eastern Europe (letter, Nov. 26).

He asserts that immigrants from El Salvador and Guatemala merit special consideration because they had to file suit to have their asylum

But this is also true of Haitian immigrants. In a series of lawsuits beginning in 1978, Federal judges have found that Raitians seeking asylum were the victims of discrimination by the Government.

Representative Smith notes that 200,000 Haitians have been admitted into this country in the last 11 years, or about 3 percent of Haiti's population. He ignores the fact that more than 500,000 Cubans, almost 5 percent of Cuba's population, and about 400,000 Salvadorans, or 7 percent of that country's population, have been

Ancient Black Sea Site Has Traces of Jewish Life

. All of us who have been working at ancient Chersonesos, an important classical site on the Black Sea, welcome the attention given to this important site in "Archeologists Unearth Treasure Buried by the Cold War" (Sciene Times, Nov. 25).

The Black Sea Project, of which I am director, has also been conducting archeological excavations at the heart of the ancient city since 1993. We have also been translating the recently opened archives, promoting Ukrainian-American collaboration and unearthing numerous important treasures covered up by the cold

This team has focused on uncovering evidence of a Jewish presence in Chersonesos during the Roman period. Menorahs, oil lamps with a Torah shrine depicted on the face, and graffiti in Hebrew and Greek have all been found at Chersonesos. One Hebrew fragment even mentions Jerusalem — the only known instance of this outside of ancient Israel

Additionally, one of the menorahs appears to date from the hellenistic period, making it one of the earliest known to scholars. In fact, the basilica in the photograph accompanying your article is constructed over some of the remains of the ancient Jewish community. J. ANDREW OVERMAN

St. Paul, Nov. 26, 1997 The writer is chairman of the department of classics, Macalester College.

admitted to the United States since (Rep.) CARRIE P. MEEK Member of Congress, 17th Dist., Fla. Washington, Nov. 26, 1997

Another Berlin Wall

To the Editor:

In his Nov. 26 letter, Representative Lamar Smith asserts that Haitians "have been treated better than immigrants from nearly every other country." But no country other than Haiti has had, in effect, a floating Berlin wall of United States Coast Guard cutters surrounding it during the most brutal of regimes to interdict and summarily repatriate refugees.

Mr. Smith suggests that the entry of Haitians from Guantánamo is another privilege denied others. This ignores that the vast majority of the Haitians detained there were screened out on the basis of cursory interviews and forcibly repatriated to a military regime the United States itself did not MERRILL SMITH

Flushing, Queens, Nov. 26, 1997 The writer is a fellow at New York University School of Law

Dismissing the Deficit Won't Help Workers

to the Editor

Laura D'Andrea Tyson dismisses the trade deficit on the ground that it represents only I percent of gross domestic product, although she admits it will expand ("Trade Deficits Won't Ruin Us," Op-Ed, Nov. 24). The trade deficit may have its limitations as a statistic, but it is our best measure of America's international competitiveness.

Ms. Tyson's assertion is like claiming a company had a good year because its loss was only 1 percent of sales, and growing. Like such a loss, our deficit can be financed only by more debt or the selling of assets. This is a strange definition of economic health.

The outsourcing of American production has undercut high-wage jobs and has been a major cause of the growing inequality of incomes. From 1979 to 1994, the increased trade deficit eliminated 2.2 million lobs in manufacturing - mostly high-wage jobs for the three-quarters of the labor force without a college educa-JEFF FAUX President

Economic Policy Institute Washington, Nov. 26, 1997

Inflation Fighter

To the Editor:

Laura D'Andrea Tyson puts the popular alarm about the trade deficit into perspective and points out its potential benefits (Op-Ed, Nov. 24). Here is another: reduction of inflationary pressures.

The trade deficit is fed primarily by imports of consumer goods from countries that make them more cheaply than we do. This keeps prices down and is one of the major reasons inflation has been under control in the past few years, in spite of low unem-HAROLD H. KOPPEL Cleveland, Nov. 24, 1997

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love intimately and to make contributions to the world as co-worker, neighbor, parent or participant in civ-ROBERT KERTZNER, M.D. New York, Nov. 23, 1997 The writer is a psychiatrist

Persecution Unifies

To the Editor:

Re "Gay Culture Weighs Sense and Sexuality" (Week in Review, Nov. 23): Michael Warner, a founder of Sex Panic, states that it is absurd "to expect gay men to live without a sexual culture when we have almost nothing else that brings us together."

How preposterous! The nature of sexual attraction is all that is needed to unite gay men. The color of one's skin is also a singular distinction; not unlike sexual preference, it is also irreversible and amoral. And despite all the radical differences of temperament and culture within the black community, skin color alone unites and unites powerfully. Why can't a collective history of persecution, an esthetic or a new sociology or family structure born of same-sex sexual desire serve as cornerstones of liberation as effectively as public and promiscious

same-sex sexual activity?
Many gay activists worry themselves about men having public and promiscuous sex, but the silent majority of gay men lead very different SCOTT ISEBRAND

New York, Nov. 24, 1997

Rethink 'Safe Sex'

To the Editor:

Your Nov. 23 Week in Review article on gay sexuality describes our public health officials' endorsement of safe sex" — the idea that the number of partners doesn't matter so long as you always use a condom. But as long ago as 1968, Dr. Harry Most and Dr. Benjamin H. Kean noted that the Manhattan homosexual community had begun to display the disease profile typical of a "tropical isle" or third world community. In 1993, Prof. Robert S. Root-Bernstein noted that the increase in promiscuity among gay men made rectal trauma, use of recreational drugs and the transmission of many viral and bacterial infections far more common than in the decades before 1970.

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Our public health authorities have long erred by condoning promiscuity and the spread of disease through their support of "safe sex."

Why aren't those authorities, rather than nonmedical gay activists. now questioning the health menace that characterizes today's 'thomosexual culture of sexual freedoms? :: ::::NATHANIEISS., LEHRMANIM.D. Roslyn, N.Y., Nov. 24, 1997

Self-Defeating Choices

To the Editor:

While I do not doubt much of what you have reported in "Gay Culture Weighs Sense and Sexuality" (Week in Review, Nov. 23), I am concerned that its content perpetuates an unfair and inaccurate portrayal of all gay men. My partner and I have virtually nothing in common with the men described in the article. I cringe to think that anyone would think we might behave in those ways.

Although being homosexual is not chosen, the sexual practices of all males is indeed a matter of choice. All of us can choose life patterns and sexual behaviors that are self-defeating; many of us choose otherwise and happily so. RICHARD T. NOLAN West Palm Beach, Fla., Nov. 23, 1997

Fighting for Rights

To the Editor:

Your Nov. 23 Week in Review article on gay sexuality reports that members of Sex Panic complained about new books taking aim at "a central feature of gay urban life: sex clubs, bathhouses and weekend-long drug parties."

For most gay urbanites, the central features of life are working, taking care of their families and building community. Many lesbians and gay men are more concerned with winning our right to live honestly and to be safe in our homes, at work and in our communities. DAVID M. SMITH

Washington, Nov. 24, 1997 The writer is communications director of the Human Rights Campaign.

Of Popcorn and Pilgrims

To the Editor:

George Plimpton (Op-Ed, Nov. 26) says he "spent some time researching" the feast at the first Thanksgiving held at Plymouth in 1621. Only two descriptions of the event survive. Edward Winslow mentions "fruit" and "fowl." William Bradford identifles cod, bass, fowl, water fowl, turkeys, venison and corn. Everything else mentioned in Mr. Plimpton's article is either conjecture or historical myth.

Take, for instance, the "popcorn balls" he claims have been mentioned in "some chronicles." Popcorn was first associated with Thanksgiving in Jane Adams's "Standish of Standish," a fictional

work published in 1889. No evidence has surfaced indicating that the Pilgrims or any other colonial American ate popcorn. The popcorn balls reported by Mr. Plimpton to be a "confection made by Indians" were in fact a creation of mainstream New Englanders in the mid-

19th century. ANDREW P. Smill.
Brooklyn, Nov. 26, 1997 The writer is a culinary historian.

Editorial Observer/TINA ROSENBERG

The New Age Barbie Is an Old-Fashioned Doll

Few product specifications have the political and social import of the ratio of bustline to waistline on a Barbie doll. The average American girl now has eight Barbles, whose measurements would be 38-18-34 if they were adult-sized, a figure not found in nature. Mattel Inc. has just announced that next year it will begin making a Barbie with a wider waist and smaller bust, softer features, less makeup and a closed

According to Mattel, the change is purely a response to the market's demand for a more realistic doll one that will need a whole new wardrobe, others would add. Nevertheless, Barbie's new body will do the next generation a favor, providing girls with a more realistic model of beauty than their mothers and sis-

Barbie was modeled after Lilli, a German doll and racy cartoon character euphemistically described as of female allure are beginning to

Plastic surgery won't affect her values.

an actress between performances When she was introduced in 1959, Barbie had the perfect 1950's face, with a shy expression and submissive, downcast eyes. A retooling in 1967, in the midst of the sexual revolution, gave her a direct gaze. In 1977 she got her current look, called the "Superstar" look, with a wide smile

and heavy makeup. American attitudes have shaped Barbie as much as she has shaped them. When American women invaded male professions. Barbie did 100. As Americans began to appreciate diversity, the California blonde came out in various colors. Today, notions

value athletic and independent women. and Mattel is following. Barbie is certainly not being

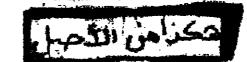
forced on little girls, who persist in loving pink plastic high heels, tutus and princess Barbies. Demand for the flatter-chested doll likely comes more from their mothers. M.G. Lord, a Barbie biographer, calls Barbie "a toy designed by women for women to teach women what - for better or worse - is expected of them by society." Barble is not solely responsible for girls' obsession with their bodies, certainly not in a culture that also brings us "Baywatch" and Cosmopolitan. Mattel maintains that girls do not emulate Barble. They just play with her.

But even if little girls make their Barbies into construction workers rather than fashion models, they cannot avoid getting an early and daily the values of large wardrobes vajstlines, cheerleader noand boyfriends who

can buy their girls pink Porsches. The message sits like a latent virus until puberty, when body image and popularity become paramount, and then explodes into eating disorders and classroom silence for fear of showing up the boys. The fact that so many adult wom-

en still have their Barbies and Kens reflects Barbie's exalted place during their formative years. When she talks, children listen, and Talking Barbie, even five years ago, was saying "Can we ever have enough clothes?" and "Math class is tough." Girls can play with Doctor Barbie and Dentist Barble, but they can also dress her in dozens of outfits that look as if they were made for Oldest Profession Barbie. In a game called Barbie's Dream Date, released in 1992, each player tries to make Ken spend as much money on her as possible before midnight. We have not come that far from Lilli's pursuit

of presents from rich men.



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plams, in gruesomely explicit terms,

the protocol that is to be followed by

terrorists who abduct women for the

· "Brothers must not hit her, save

• "If a mother and daughter have

been captured together and you pos-

sessed the mother, you therefore

must not also possess the daughter."

The decree, widely attributed to a

faction of the Armed Islamic Group,

which has been responsible for some

of the worst violence in Algeria, was

posted in villages where scores and

perhaps hundreds of people have been

massacred and large numbers of

women and girls abducted and raped.

When filtered through news re-

ports, the accounts of such atrocities

seem not quite real. You turn the page

of the newspaper or magazine and

even the slightest hint of the imagined

terror vanishes. There is a crossword

puzzle to do or television listings to

read. The mind no longer has to deal

with the carnage and the trauma of

wholesale decapitations, or bombines

in public places, or teachers being

murdered in classrooms in full view

of hysterical students, or the disbelief

and concurrent despair of parents

forced to watch as their daughters

are carried into the night by terror-

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want to think about them.

sist that we pay attention.

These may be crimes against hu-

Inevitably, there are those who in-

Rhonda Copelon is the director of

the International Women's Human

Rights Law Clinic at the City Univer-

sity of New York. Working with the

Center for Constitutional Rights, also

in New York, and two private law

firms, she filed a Federal lawsuit

some months ago on behalf of several

Algerian activists, most of them wom-

en, who have been victims of the

The suit, filed in Washington, is an

effort to fix responsibility for at least

some of the atrocities. The defendants

are the Islamic Salvation Front (or

F.I.S., its French acronym), which is

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A brief sampling:

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Terrorism by the Book

Cast Out By the Right

By Glenn C. Loury

ry to understand my problem. As a black conservative intellectual, I belong to an endangered species. For if few conservatives choose to think of themselves as intellectuals, even fewer blacks can pass muster as conservatives.

Not that my position is uncomfortable. With black critics of racial liberalism being such a rare breed. I have found my voice amplified on a range of issues.

Recently, however, I have been unable to shake a troubling thought: The designation "black conservative intellectual" may not be merely anomaious but oxymoronic.

I should say at the outset that I disagree with those black liberals who think racial loyalty must propel every "authentic black" to the left wing of the political spectrum. And I reject the tenet that no "real intellectual" can ever embrace conserva-

Today, in fact, the governing political philosophy in America is a (mildly) conservative one, and a growing number of blacks embrace political, economic and social conservatism - some because they are religious traditionalists, others because they are middle-class suburbanites concerned about high taxes and too much government.

I am a bit of both, and so for more than a decade now I have found myself at home within the conservative intellectual movement.

But in the last few years, conservative intellectuals have developed an inflexible, hard-edged dogma when it comes to race. There was a time, from the mid-1970's through the late 1980's, when some of the most nuanced and serious thinking about race came from the right - whether it was James Q. Wilson's work on adolescent criminal behavior, Nathan Glazer's criticism of racial quotas or Charles Murray's analysis of the welfare state. They were concerned about the plight of black Americans. And their writing had a subtlety of thought and a generosity of spirit. If the its staffan fan

But today conservative discourse on race has largely been reduced to sloganeering, filled with references to black criminality, illegitimacy and cultural pathology. This talk does not describe a tragedy shared by us all. Instead it denounces a cultural failing said to threaten our civilization

A "get out of the wagon and help the rest of us push" approach to indigent families and a "lock 'em up and throw away the key" attitude toward inner-city law-breakers have become staples of conservative ideology. There is scarcely a thought given to the impact such policies will have on poor black communities.

Once conservatives battled rigid quotas. Now they attack all affirmative action programs meant to en-

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courage greater inclusion of blacks

in American institutions. Once con-

servatives promoted programs that

required work in exchange for wel-

fare benefits. Now they want to cut

Black conservative intellectuals

are faced with rebutting arguments

like those made by Charles Murray

in "The Bell Curve," which suggest-

ed that blacks might be genetically

inferior, or countering arguments

Conservatives no

longer know how

to talk about race.

made by Dinesh D'Souza in "The

End of Racism." which held that

A few weeks ago when I suggested

to a gathering of conservatives that

their seeming hostility to every so-cial program smacked of indiffer-ence to the poor, I was told that a

surgeon could not properly be said to

have no concern for a terminally ill

patient simply because he had

moved on to the next case. The anal-

Just last month, I heard a top aide

to a Midwestern Republican senator

tell cultural conservatives that, in

the name of restoring "traditional

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Indeed, my views on affirmative

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est degree of affirmative action in higher education could be justified. That prompted an angry response from Norman Podhoretz, the conservative writer and editor, who called me "disingenuous" and added, "I much prefer the old Glenn Loury to the new one." The discussion limped along from there.

My dilemma is not unique. Consider the case of Robert Woodson Sr., the president of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise. For 20 years, Mr. Woodson has been criticizing the agenda of black liberals, but he has also been helping grassroots organizations expand economic opportunities in their low-income communities.

It distresses Mr. Woodson that so little interest in this work is shown by some conservative intellectuals even as they insist that government has no answers and that blacks must help themselves. Indeed, two years ago, Mr. Woodson and I publicly terminated our association with the conservative American Enterprise Institute for its support of Mr. D'Souza, who was a research fellow there. 10 Mr. Woodson, has, also rebuffed conservatives who want him to speak out against affirmative action. He fears that other African-Americans may see him as an instrument of forces hostile to blacks' interests. Mr. Woodson has a valid point, but few conservatives can see it. They think he is hostile to conservative interests — even though his work otherwise embodies the very ideals

American values," his boss sought to they uphold! The fact, as chilling as it is un-(Now that's turning back the clock!) avoidable, is that many among the I have tried to argue with my conservative elite seem tone-deaf on the issue of race. They can't see that ances, complexities and moral ambiour country's moral aspirations - to guities of issues like welfare, affirbe "a city on a hill," a beacon of hope mative action and drug control poliand freedom to all the world - seem cy. But I have succeeded only in impossible when one sees the despair arousing the suspicion that I am not of so many of those Americans who descend from slaves.

We have unfinished business on the action have evolved, and that is seen race front, and it won't be finished simply by enacting tax cuts, approv-Washington this fall of conservative ing school vouchers, continuing the war on drugs or reforming welfare. intellectuals, I suggested that a mod-



Some conservatives understand this. Michael Joyce, the president of the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, is one. John Dilulio, the Princeton political science professor, who promotes the work of innercity churches with at-risk youths, is another. But they are exceptions.

need a

morally astute, politically mature conservatism that acknowledges personal responsibility as one part of the social contract but also understands the importance of collective responsibility. "Those people" who now languish in America's central cities are "our" people, and "we" must build relationships with them. We cannot simply abandon them or leave them to their own devices.

The fault lies not with conservatism per se but with those conservatives who fail to see that their creed is entirely consistent with the creative use of the moral imagination.

militants in Algeria, and Anwar Had---"womb, and that womb is F.I.S."

A copy of the decree, translated from Arabic, was given to me by human rights workers in New York

dam, the so-called representative-in-exile of the F.L.S. in the United States.

The suit was filed under the Alien

Tort Claims Act and the Torture Vicwho are providing assistance to women fighting against the extreme terror tim Protection Act, which give the Federal courts jurisdiction in certain cases involving foreign victims of torture and other violations of international law and U.S. treaties.

While the suit seeks monetary damages, its true value lies in the fact that it gives a voice here in the United

Atrocities against Algerian women.

States to victims who are unable to be heard in Algeria. And it brings the reality of the Algerian tragedy closer to Americans who might not otherwise be aware of it.

One of the plaintiffs is a woman whose son, after speaking out against the F.L.S., was assassinated. Another is a woman whose husband and brother-in-law were murdered by F.I.S. supporters. A third is a woman who was kidnapped and gang-raped by terrorists when she was 17.

Mr. Haddam has been in the United States since 1993. He raised money and otherwise promoted the F.I.S. while seeking political asylum here on the grounds -- hold on to your hat -that he was a victim of persecution. He was denied asylum last year and has since been in Federal custody pending possible deportation. He is appealing the asylum decision.

Ironically, the F.I.S. has come to be seen by many as a moderating force in the Algerian turmoil that has taken more than 60,000 lives since 1992. And Mr. Haddam has repeatedly denied that he was involved in any terror activity.

But Ms. Copelon and other human rights workers have pointed out that the F.I.S. has for years been entwined with groups that are openly dedicated to the establishment of an Islamic state through violence and terror, and to the ruthless subjugation of women. And Mr. Haddam has time and again expressed his public support of specific terrorist attacks and what he describes as the "armed struggle."

According to Mr. Haddam, all of the armed groups come from the same

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Yevgeny Primakov is socking it to us while Borls Yeltsin is begging it from us. To explicate this pushmipullyu policy, I turn to my Russian counterpart, Vyacheslav Punditsky. Q: Suddenly Russia's budget is

busted, the ruble is shaky, the stock market plunged 40 percent, wages aren't being paid and the International Monetary Fund won't continue its lending — what happened?

A: You want party line? Fallout from Thailand; emerging markets now imploding markets. Tough all over, nobody's fault. Q: C'mon — what's the root cause

of the red ink and the desperation to borrow?

A: Root cause is roots - potatoes, beets, radishes. Farmers barter them for vodka, shoes, music videos. Three-quarters of our sales is barter.

Q: But isn't that why money was invented, so you wouldn't have to schlep around a huge sack of potatoes to trade? Why don't Russians

use their rubles? A: Because when you sell for money, you have to pay taxes. But when you swap - no taxes. Russian people

Q: But don't Russians realize that if they don't pay taxes, the Govern-

The word from Punditsky.

ment can't pay wages and welfare, and the I.M.F. won't pop with its next installment?

A: You know what is "tax base"? Too small. The big gas company, Chernomyrdin family's Gazprom, pays no tax. Big oil, big mineral, big weapons producers, owned mainly by Government - also pay no taxes. So whole burden falls on little people. That's why, when Moscow demands 80 percent of their money, the answer is: 'What money? You want a potato?''

Q: Why, then, doesn't Yeltsin broaden the base by privatizing and then taxing the big Government monopolies in energy and armaments? A: Easy to say. Anatoly Chubais did

some of that privatizing, creating oligarchy of seven capitalist big shots, but those thieves fell out and caught each other paying him off. Now Yeltsin put Chubais in woodshed, or doghouse, and reform of Gazprom is dead.

Q: But the young reformer Boris Nemtsov is still in place, even though he lost one of his titles in the Chubais chastisement. Isn't he the apple of Yeltsin's eye, the chosen successor, and don't the polls show him to be the most popular man in Russia?

A: General Lebed was popular, too. Yeltsin brought him in, used him, let and Chernomyrdin wheeling his nuclehim get unpopular, threw him out. ar deal in Iran, it's the only kind of When Nemtsov can't pay the back

wages he promised by next month, Yeltsin will blame him. "The Czar never knew." Nemtsov is a good man, and his new helper Zadornov is a product of Yabloko reform, but they are dependent on Yeltsin, and "the other Boris" is reduced these days to making speeches about where to bury the Romanovs' bones. Q: Wasn't Nemtsov untouched by

the publishing scandal? A: Scandal is an American hobby.

This is Russia. We have political stagnation that has led to law-enforcement breakdown and economic ruin. It's ${\bf systematic-no,\, systemic.}$ Q: What's the economic answer?

A: Public auctions of the monopolies. Land sales, Lower taxes so more people can use money again and Government can raise some revenue. Q: The practical political answer?

A: We need a whole group of reform leaders in the Kremlin and the Duma who can guard one another's backs as they let the people exploit the riches of this country. Grigory Yavlinsky's party, Yabloko, dreams of that, but it won't happen soon.

Q: Why not? Why can't a literate population in a resource-rich land make ends meet? A: Because this Czar knows where

he wants to stay but not where he wants the country to go. That's why he puts one arm around Iran and Iraq while he has the other hand in America's pocket. You like "root cause is roots"? Big

insight. If you use, credit Punditsky. With Primakov on the loose in Iraq.

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Will Latin Sounds of 'The Capeman' Cross Over?

By GUY GARCIA

HE PERCOLATING groove of a full-throttle mambo reverberates through the walls of a studio complex in Manhattan's Greenwich Village, where the cast of "The Capeman," the new musical by Paul Simon, is going through its paces. As the number reaches its climax, the festiveness of a Nuyorican street fair is evoked by the singers' swaying bodies and the vibrant tattoo of Afro-Caribbean drums. Even after the music has stopped, a buzz of exultation hangs in the air. Though Mr. Simon will not appear in "The Capeman" and its opening night is still a month away. the show is already being hailed as a breakthrough cultural event that gives Latino musicians and actors the media spotlight they long de-

Based on the life of Salvador Agron, a 16-year-old from Puerto Rico who was arrested for the gangrelated deaths of two other teenagers in New York in 1959, Mr. Simon's opera about social violence and spiritual redemption spans three decades, several cultures and a siew of musical styles - from gospel and 50's doo-wop to country and steamy tropical salsa.

Directed and choreographed by Mark Morris with lyrics by Mr. Simon and the Nobel Prize-winning poet Derek Walcott, the show stars the Panamanian singer Ruben Blades, the Puerto Rican diva Ednita Nazario and the contemporary salsa singer Marc Anthony.

'It's an American story," says Mr. Simon, who sees "The Capeman" as an extension of the polyrhythmic explorations he began with the albums "Graceland" and "The Rhythm of the Saints." (This month he released his new album, "Songs From the Capeman," a selection of tunes from the Broadway show.)

"What is shocking to some people is that Puerto Rican culture is part of America," he adds. "The only thing different about this is that it's taking a culture that was marginalized and it's presenting it as something main-

With its unorthodox plot, mostly Latino cast and salsa-infused score, "The Capeman" represents a chance for Latin music to take center stage in a country that has usu-

Latinos who come to the show are going to hear a mix of different Latin styles that hopefully will help to legitimize salsa for a larger audience," says Oscar Hernandez, the show's musical director and a producer who has worked with salsa stars like Mr. Blades, Tito Puente and Celia Cruz.

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Even if "The Capeman" succeeds in popularizing salsa rhythms, it won't be the first time that Latin accents have added spice to the American mainstream. "There's been a lot of crossover," says John Storm Roberts, author of "The Latin Tinge: The Impact of Latin-American Music on the United States." "Latino and non-Latino musicians have always worked together, just as there have always been more Latin musicians than anybody realizes playing non-Latin music. I think it just has to do with statistics. There are just more non-Latinos than La-

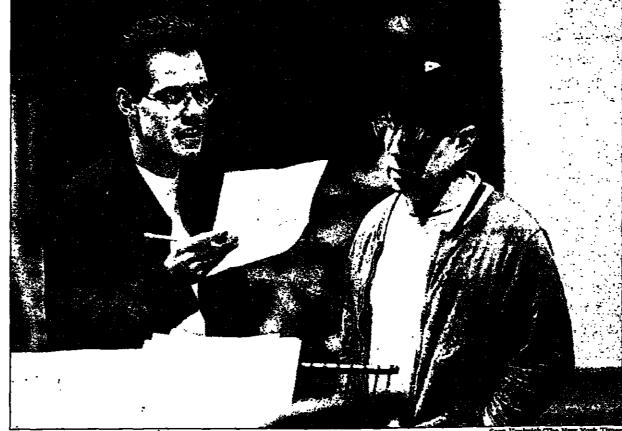
Still, many Latinos resent the fact that, except for periodic dance crazes like the cha-cha, the mumbo and the tango, the wealth and diversity of their musical heritage has remained largely invisible to most

"Latin music is not a fad," says Mr. Blades, "These musics have never gone; they never left, "Some people today say it's just a product, but I don't think so. Salsa is too visceral, the music is so pure — it's one of the last outlets for social identity."

HICH is why, perhaps, some Latinos are wary that "The Capeman" is just the latest example of mainstream exploitation or oversimplification of Latin themes. Mr. Simon, who has been criticized for appropriating African and Latin musical traditions, dismisses the issue as tiresome and irrelevant.

"It's not an interesting question," he says. "It's about how badly you want to tell a story. Anyone can tell a story as long as they do it with re-

It is precisely Mr. Simon's respect for the rhythmic roots of salsa, Mr. Blades contends, that separates "The Capeman" from watered-down interpretations of Latin music that have preceded it. "West Side Story was an adaptation, but in "The Capeman" when you hear an aguinaldo, ally relegated it to the wings. "Non-that's how it really sounds" he says. aries by collaborating on bilingual



Paul Simon, right, with the salsa singer Marc Anthony at a rehearsal of "The Capeman."

"It's not an interpretation by the Houston Philharmonic. No, that's really the way Latino musicians play.'

Eddie Palmieri, the salsa pianist who met Mr. Simon while he was working on "The Rhythm of the Saints" and encouraged him to make a record incorporating Afro-Latin beats, was also impressed by Mr. Simon's attention to sonic detail. "These drumming patterns go back in origin 40,000 years," Mr. Palmieri says. "They are some of the most intricate rhythms the world has ever heard. To be valid, they must be musically executed to the highest degree.'

It doesn't hurt, of course, that Mr. Simon has recruited some of the biggest names in salsa to headline the show. Mr. Blades, who plays Agron as an adult, is recognized as a leading salsa innovator who, first as a singer in Willie Colon's band in the 70's and later as a solo artist, infused Latin dance music with socially conscious lyrics. He also broke boundprojects with non-Latin artists like Lou Reed and Elvis Costello.

Mr. Anthony, who portrays the teen-age Agron, has been associated with an urban strain of salsa called freestyle and has updated traditional Latin song forms with contemporary pop and hip-hop beats in best-selling albums like "Otra Nota" from 1993. "The Capeman is not a showcase for all Latin music, because salsa is so dynamic," explains Mr. Anthony, who suggests that anyone who comes to the show expecting to hear the latest salsa trends will be disappointed. "It's not what's happening today. But what you hear is authentic." A pastiche of styles, the music of

"The Capeman" ranges from the gospel-tinged incantations of "Adios Hermanos" to the innocent 50's rockand-roll of "Teen Idol" to the smoldering strut of "The Vampires," which is based on the rhythm of a Cuban guajira. (All three songs also appear on "Songs From the Cape-

when drumming and singing traditions brought to Cuba and Puerto Rico by West African slaves blended with military marching bands and European-style waltz orchestras. "The Sunshine Girl," a 1913 Broadway musical comedy starring Vernon and Irene Castle, brought the Argentine tango to Broadway and sparked the first national Latin dance fad. Two decades later, fullscale bands featuring maracas, bongos, congas and timbales were popularized in this country by Xavier Cugat and Don Azpiazu's Havana Casino Orchestra.

During the 50's and 60's, Cuban and Brazilian rhythms surfaced again in an infectious Cuban dance called the cha-cha and in the work of jazz musicians like Charlie Parker. Dizzy Giliespie and the saxophonist Stan Getz, whose collaborations with the Brazilian singer-composer Antonio Carlos Johim defined the cool, understated sound of the bossa nova. . are completely isolated. There's ai-A few years later, the California rock . Ways a connection, between country The show's Afro-Caribbean fla band Santana melded electric guitar a music; and Latin; between folks and

Magic Woman" and Mr. Puente's "Oye Como Va."

The term salsa, which has become a catch-all phrase to describe any contemporary Latin dance style, was coined in New York in the 70's where musicians like the trombonist Willie Colon and Mr. Palmieri were mixing Afro-Cuban elements with rhythmand-blues, pop and avant-garde jazz. More recently, Latin-pop fusions have been popularized by artists like Sting, whose has recorded Spanish versions of his songs, and David Byrne, whose record label Luaka Bop has released compilations by musicians from Cuba, Brazil and

At the same time, contemporary Latin artists have continued to absorb outside influences as diverse as rock, funk and techno. Among the Latino musicians who are leading the reverse crossover trend are Los Lobos, the East Los Angeles Chicano roots group, and the Miami-based pop stars Gloria Estefan and Jon Secada.

"There's no such thing as 'authentic' Latin music," says Mr. Roberts, who points out that salsa itself is a blend of African, European and other traditions. "All music is mixed. All music could be said to be watereddown. You might find three guys playing nose flutes in the Amazon who have not been influenced by the next village, but I sincerely doubt it."

Meanwhile, the propensity of Latin rhythms to merge and mingle with other traditions and to inspire non-Latin artists to explore new forms of musical expression, shows no sign of abating Salsa, hip-hop and 70's-style soul are artfully grafted together on "Nuyorican Soul," an 'album released by Giant Step/Blue Thumb records earlier this year that leatures guest appearances by Mr. Palmieri and Mr. Puente. And the guitarist Ry Cooder is both the producer and a collaborator on "Buena Vista Social Club," a new record that features boleros and mambos performed by traditional Cuban masters like Ruben Gouzáles and Francisco Repilado

"It's like every key is connected to every other key," says Mr. Simon. "There are no keys in the scale that vors date back to the 19th century, to Latin beats in hits like "Black" folkloric They all connect the

An Author Adapts to Film

By TERRY PRISTIN

USSELL BANKS has had a long and tangled history with the movie industry. In the past, his wintry, critically admired novels have been snapped up by Hollywood, attracting the enthusiasm of A-list directors from Jonathan Demme to Wolfgang Peterson, but have stopped short of being turned into films. This year has been different. "The

Sweet Hereafter," adapted by the Canadian director Atom Egoyan from Mr. Banks's 1991 novel about the aftermath of a disastrous school bus accident, was a favorite on the film festival circuit and has just opened to glowing reviews. A second film, "Affliction," adapted by Paul Schrader from Mr. Banks's 1989 novel about a small-town cop whose life spins out of control, is completed, though it is unclear when it will be

Now that these films are finished, Mr. Banks is not about to join the ranks of writers like William Faulkner, J. D. Salinger and Nelson Algren who felt betrayed when their work was translated onto the screen. Nor was he shut out of the filmmaking process, like Jane Smiley, who was disappointed when the recent filmed version of her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "A Thousand Acres," omitted a scene that was crucial to "transforming the story from a melodrama to a tragedy," as she put it.

Mr. Banks is not complaining. At the Telluride Film Festival, where the two movies based on his novels made their North American debuts last summer, he was a visible figure, beaming like a proud uncle, signing books and practically handing out cigars.

The success of the movie version of "The Sweet Hereafter" has made Mr. Banks, 57, a hot property. No fewer than three of his other novels are being developed as movies, including the 1985 "Continental Drift," until recently his best-known book, with Willem Dafoe in the leading role. He is writing the screenplay, his first. He now wears his gray hair in a fashionable buzz cut. (His 13th novel, "Cloudsplitter," will be published in

It is not surprising, Mr. Banks said in a recent interview, that the current adaptations were low-budget productions by auteur directorscreenwriters who work outside the studio system. "My work is generally considered fairly dark and pessimistic and bleak, and Hollywood doesn't embrace that attitude very enthusiastically," he said. Indeed,



Novelist Russell Banks

Nolte, James Coburn and Mr. Dafoe, "Affliction" does not yet have an American distributor.

Of the two books, "The Sweet Hereafter" posed the more daunting challenge for a screenwriter. Set in an economically depressed town in upstate New York very much like Keene, N.Y., where Mr. Banks has lived for the last 10 years, the novel consists of a series of monologues delivered by four principal characters, including a lawyer who tries to goad the townspeople into bringing a lawsuit. That structure, Mr. Banks said, forced Mr. Egoyan to take numerous liberties.

"Atom had to take the book apart and put the story back together in an utterly different way," said Mr. Banks, who has a cameo role in the movie as a doctor. "I like to think he structured it horizontally and layered it, whereas I had it structured in four separate vertical narratives."

Mr. Schrader's film, by contrast, is such a faithful translation of the novel that it is almost an homage, although inevitably some scenes and characters from the 350-page book are omitted. But if the car on the page is a blue Plymouth, so is the car on the screen. "If you really respect the voice of the author," said the 51year-old Mr. Schrader, whose adaptation of an Elmore Leonard novel, "Touch," was released earlier this year, "then you have to capture that voice, not just the dialogue, but the detail, the theme and the moral voice

as well." "Affliction," a searing tale about the legacy of male violence, is drawn from events in Mr. Banks's own family history, and the movie, like the novel, takes place in a New Hampshire town resembling the community where the author's father was brought up. After his wife leaves him and his young daughter loses respect for him, the cop, played by Mr. Nolte, becomes obsessed with the possibility that a murder is being covered up and passed off as a hunting accident. The novel caught Mr. Schrader's eye at a Manhattan bookstore, and gripped him with the first paraLinda Reisman, struggled for seven years to raise the \$6 million for the "Both films are utterly loyal to the

book in the same essential ways," Mr. Banks said, "It wouldn't matter to me how Paul or Atom structured the story as long as they structured it in an effective cinematic way. But what they both managed to do was go to the meaning of the stories and maintain that." As it happens, both films were shot in Canada by the cinematographer Paul Sarossy.

When Mr. Egoyan first sought the rights to "The Sweet Hereafter," they were held by 20th Century Fox. But according to Mr. Banks the studio abandoned the picture after the box-office failure of the 1992 film "Lorenzo's Oil," starring Susan Sarandon and Nick Nolte. "They said: 'We don't want to do another depressing story about a child who's sick," the author recalled. Mr. Egoyan said he learned that the rights were again available after the writer Margaret Atwood introduced him to Mr. Banks.

As a novelist who seeks meaning in the concrete details of ordinary, and often overlooked, lives, Mr. Banks had trouble seeing what he had in common with a filmmaker 20 years his junior who "seemed to go straight for the abstract without the intervening layer of detail." But after watching Mr. Egoyan's 1994 film, 'Exotica," he began to realize that they shared similar obsessions, including a fascination with "the relationship between the individual, the

family and the community," he said. Along the way, Mr. Egoyan, who had never adapted a book before, tried out every proposed change on Mr. Banks - from opening the story with a scene between the lawyer, portrayed by Ian Holm, and his troubled daughter (played by Caerthan Banks, the novelist's daughter) to adding the Robert Browning poem "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" as a recurring motif.

"There was no contractual need to get his approval," Mr. Egoyan said. "I was so taken by the book that I felt I needed his blessing."

Mr. Egoyan traveled to Keene to videotape the courthouse, the gas station, the quarry, and other locations that the novelist had in mind when he was writing "The Sweet Hereafter" which was filmed last year in British Columbia."I wanted to enter into his experience of the story, to taste this process in as complete a way as possible," Mr. Egoyan said. Mr. Banks said he found it "a little unsettling" to see how accurately Mr. Egoyan had capdespite a cast that includes Nick graph, he said. He and the producer, tured the places he had visualized.□

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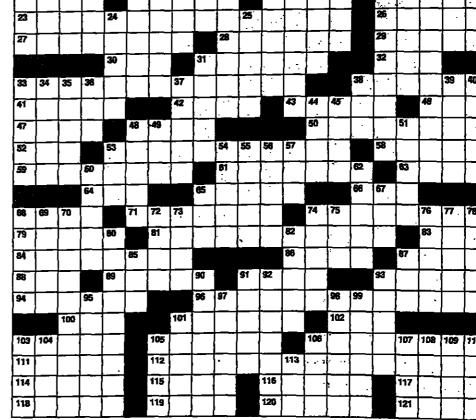
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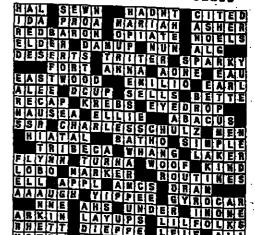
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A minor problem

A 16-year-old boy was subjected to brutal treatment in prison while awaiting expulsion for illegal entry into Israel. The case of Sasha is only one example of the way the legal system deals with juveniles, Dan Izenberg reports

ixteen-year-old Sasha is back home in Ukraine, in shock and suffering from post-traumatic stress, after having been continuously tortured by his cellmates in the Kishon lockup in the Haifa area for days, if not weeks, while awaiting expulsion for illegal entry to Israel.

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"The story of Sasha is a Stalinist story," said Pamela Butter, a lawyer in the Haifa branch of Defense for Children International (DCI). "I deal with children in distress all the time. This is one of the worst cases I have ever seen. It is what you imagine could have happened in the Soviet Union, not Israel."

But according to Yitzhak Kadman, head of the National Council for the Welfare of the Child, Sasha's case may be extreme, but it is symptomatic of all that is wrong with the practice of arrest and detention of minors before trial in Israel.

Sasha (not his real name) arrived in Israel with his 24-year old sister, Natasha, on July 19. Natasha had intended to resume her work as a prostitute, here. She had been in Israel for nine months in 1994 before being caught and deported. During that time, she had managed to send back \$300 to \$400 a month to her destitute family.

This summer, Natasha decided to return and bring her little brother with her. In the hopes of avoiding the more vigilant airport passport control, they took a tourist cruise from Cyprus with a one-day stopover in Israel. In Jerusalem, they hooked up with Natasha's pimp and abandoned the group. A week later, they were arrested by police in Haifa.

Sasha, who spoke no Hebrew, was separated from his sister and sent to the Kishon lockup, where he was put in a cell with detainees almost two years older than him. That night, they beat him up.

The next day, Sasha; his sister and three other prostitutes arrested at the same time were brought to Nazareth Magistrate's Court for a hearing. The judge, Rayek Jarjura, extended Sasha's remand in custody by 10 days to give the Interior Ministry time to prepare his expulsion order. An interpreter was on hand and a policeman explained the basic proceedings. but Sasha received no legal counsel or help from a juvenile probation officer. The judge, who had been informed of Sasha's beating the night before, went out of his way to instruct the police to keep an eye on the youth during what was supposed to be his brief incarceration.

Sasha returned to Kishon, and was placed in a cell with three other, older minors. For the next six weeks, Sasha had no contact with the outer world. His only contacts were with his guards, who took no notice of him, and his cellmates who viciously brutal-

ized him. "Sasha was forgotten in jail - as if this were Teheran," said Phillip Veerman, the chairman of DCI-Israel. According to Veerman, Sasha's cellmates "turned him into a slave at every possible hour of looking. They made him wash after the detention of a minor. If

their clothes, bring them food, and beat him up so severely that when he was told to go for a walk, he

refused. It turned out he couldn't. "According to the police investigation, Sasha's cellmates made hundreds of cuts with a razor blade on his shoulder, set fire to plastic cheese containers and poured the molten plastic on his cuts, saying they wanted to tattoo

"What often happens is that the punishment the minors receive before they are even found guilty is much worse than anything that happens to them afterwards. This is not what the lawmakers intended"

-Yitzhak Kadman, the National Council for the Welfare of the Child

"On one occasion, they took an electric fork for boiling water and burned his shoulder. On another, they said they wanted a ninja. They ordered him to sharpen a piece of metal, then told him toundress and tried to stick it into his buttocks. When it didn't penetrate, they ordered him to sharpen it some more and then stabbed him with it dozens, if not hundreds, of times, sometimes leaving it in his flesh for a minute or two." They also warned Sasha that if he told

the police, they would kill him. It is not clear from the testimony how long the torture went on. On September 7, two days before Sasha was to be deported, a policeman who was sent to prepare him for his departure, noticed a haematoma, i.e., severe bleeding, in the eye. Sasha was removed from the cell and taken to B'nai Zion Hospital for treatment. There he was questioned by police, who had opened an investigation against his cellmates. At first, terrified by the threats they had made in jail, Sasha refused to talk. He opened up only after his investigators promised him he would never have to see his tor-

mentors again. According to Nava Keidar, acting head of juvenile probation services at the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, the Juvenile Law states clearly that an adult caretakthe day when the guards weren't er must be informed immediately parents are unavailable, a juvenile probation officer must be contacted. The law applies to all underage detainees, whether citizens or not. In Sasha's case, however, it was only after he was taken to hospital that the juvenile probation service was informed.

DCI attorney Butter and a Russian-speaking probation offi-cer visited him. "His eye was one big red spot," said Butter. "He was very underweight with a sunken face and pale skin. As he told us what had happened to him, he began to cry. The social worker who was recording his testimony started crying, too.

Sasha's deportation, scheduled for September 9, was postponed so that he could give testimony in court against his cellmates. Despite everything he had endured, he was sent back to jail and given lodging in the lockup's visitors' room, sleeping on a bed consisting of two benches. No one thought to provide him with psychological counseling while he waited - for over three weeks - for Haifa District Court to summon him. According to Veerman, it was only thanks to the prodding of the DCI and the juvenile probation services that the Haifa court finally set a date. The hearing had not appeared on

the schedule up to a few days before it actually took place. Even then, Sasha had to wait another week before he could return home because the government deports illegal aliens only aboard El Al and the next flight to Ukraine turned out to be a week later. District Police Northern Spokesman Dep.-Cmdr. Boaz Goldberg told The Jerusalem Post that it took guards six weeks to discover what was happening to Sasha because "the wounds were not on exposed parts of the body." He added that Sasha had never complained even though police had asked him how he was faring in jail on several occasions.

Unless a person complains, it is impossible to know what is going on," said Goldberg. It was only as Sasha was about to be deported that a policeman "saw something strange in his behavior and took him aside." Asked what had aroused the policeman's suspicion, Goldberg replied: "The boy moved oddly." Goldberg acknowl-edged that the police had erred in not informing the juvenile probation service as soon as Sasha was jailed. "It was a mistake on the part of the Haifa Central Unit. The commander of Northern District has reprimanded the head of the unit," said Goldberg.

FOR Yitzhak Kadman, Sasha's experience is only one example albeit a terrible one - of the reprehensible way the legal system deals with minors suspected of committing offenses. "Too many minors are arrested in the first place, and too many of those who are arrested remain in jail 100 long," said Kadman, adding that in 1995, the last year for which he has figures, 3,411 minors were detained in jail, 65.5 percent of them remained behind bars for more than 24 hours, and 12 percent were held for more than a week.



There is no reason to jail firsttime suspected offenders or those suspected of minor crimes, such as stealing a bicycle or a credit card or illegal entry to Israel. The police internal guidelines urge police to refrain from arresting minors as much as possible. I can't say they go out of their way to abide by that guideline."

According to Kadman, police also ignore the rights of minors during interrogation. In thany cases; the questioning does not take place in the presence of a lawyer or other adult who can advise the child, he said.

Inside the jail, the children are Kadman continued. "There is overcrowding, lack of hygiene, lack of air and light. The food is served in a disgusting way. Bugs are commonplace. I wouldn't keep animals that way, let alone human

beings and certainly not minors." Kadman also complained that the youths have nothing to do in iail. "There is no library or games room," he said. "They get bored and boredom leads to violence."

for separating different types of suspects. In reality, it is often impossible. In Beersheba, for example, there are only two cells for minors. The authorities reserve This problem is compounded by one for Arabs and the other for

"Sasha was forgotten in jail – as if this were Teheran."

> -Phillip Veerman, Defense for Children international

kept in terrible conditions, the fact that the lockups do not separate younger from older minors. "Think of it - a 12-yearold locked up with a 17-year-old. or a hardened criminal with a light offender," he said. "Such things must not happen." Once again,

Jews. Kadman said that when he visited the lockup, he found six Jewish minors in a cell large enough for four. Two of the boys slept on the floor.

said Kadman, the guidelines call

"Our society must make a switch in its thinking with regard to the

"Some of those who are detained are never put on trial. Others are put on trial and found innocent or convicted but not sent to jail. Why should such people be put into the lockup in the first place? What often happens is that the punishment the minors receive before they are even found guilty is much worse than anything that happens to them afterwards. This is not what the lawmaker intended."

detention of minors," he said.

The Justice Minstry is working on legislation that would implement sweeping reforms in the system. But this has been on the drawing boards for a long time, and some experts in the field say the reason it is taking so long is because it is low on the list of priorities.

Meanwhile, the DCI is not waiting. Veerman said his organization plans to sue the state for damages on Sasha's behalf.

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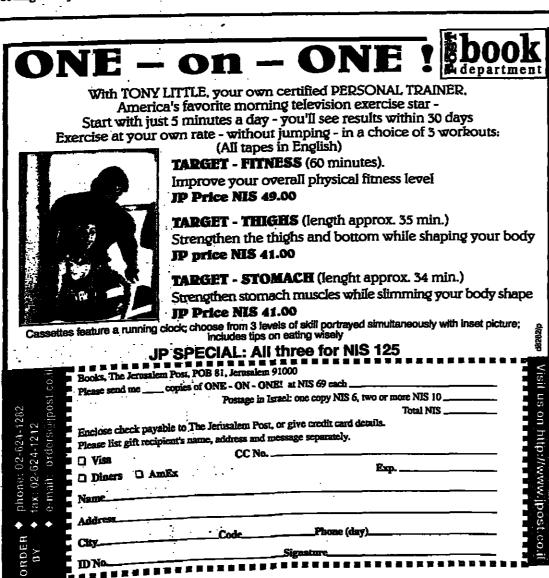
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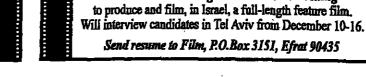
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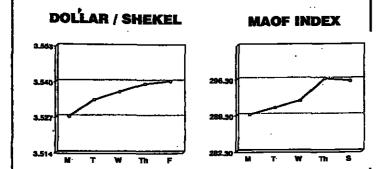
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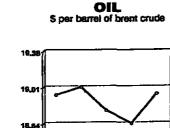
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Magai to purchase Perimeter Products Magal Security Systems said yesterday that it has reached an

agreement with California-based Perimeter Products Inc and its shareholders to acquire the company for \$4.4 million in cash. PPI develops, manufactures and markets security systems. The company reported sales of \$4 million in 1996. Dan Gerstenfeld

British-Israeli council hoping to improve trade

Members of the Israel-Britain Business Council will meet in Tel Aviv on Wednesday, in the group's latest bid to improve trade relations between the countries. During the gathering, members will discuss the activities of the five working groups: health, finance, high-tech, infrastructure and tourism. olished two years ago, also aims to lin

Israeli and British firms for work in third countries. The organization is jointly chaired by Marks and Spencer Chairman Sir Richard Greenberry and Manufacturers Association President Dan Propper.

El Al moves back into the black

El Al reported a marked improvement in the three-quarters balance, with a profit of \$21.4 million, compared to a loss of \$43 million during the first nine months of 1996, a net improvement of \$64 million.

However, because of expected losses in the fourth quarter, the company still expects to end the year with a net loss of \$10 million to \$20 million, El Al spokesman Nachman Klieman said yesterday.

The main increase in revenues came during the third quarter, the summer season, which is a traditionally profitable period for the airline, when the net profit came to \$42.7 million, compared to \$11 million during the period of last year. This year, the company noted, there continued to be a drop in incoming tourists and a rise in the number of Israelis traveling

IDB Holdings Corporation reported a third-quarter net profit of NIS 135 million compared with net loss of NIS 5.8m in the same

During the first nine months of the year net profit surged to NIS 242.4m., from NIS 78.2m. a year

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The rise is partly attributed to the sale by the company's sub-sidiary, Discount Investments, of its stake in the metal cutting tools Iscar, to the company. Iscar, to the Werthelmer family, in exchange for NIS 699m.

Income rose in the third-quarte to NIS 1 billion, from NIS 465.4m. in the corresponding

quarter in 1996. During the first nine months the company had income of NIS 2.1b., companed with NIS 1.4b. a year earlier.

IDB Development Corporation, a subsidiary of IDB Holdings, said that third-quarter net profit amounted to NIS 189m. compared with a net loss of NIS 3.9m. a year ago. During the first nine months of the year, net profit rose to NIS 333.5m., from NIS 122.3m. a year earlier.

Harel Hamishmar reported yesterday that net profit fell in the third quarter to NIS 14.6m. from NIS 15.5m. a year earlier. During the first nine mouths of the year, net profit rose to NIS 50.5m., compared with NIS 44.1m. in the

corresponding period in 1996. The company said that its income from general insurance activities plunged in the third quarter to NIS 4.5m. from NIS 24.4m. a year ago. In a statement, the company attributed the sharp drop to car thefts and a decline in housing and cars insurance premi-

Haim Shapiro contributed to

Bezeq cuts result in NIS 266m. Jan.-Oct. loss By DAN GERSTENFELD Bezeg Israel Telecom reported yesterday a net loss of NIS 266 million during the first nine months of the year, compared with net income of NIS 494m. a year earlier. The company said the net loss was primarily due to a provision of over NIS 1 billion for the implementation of the new organi-

zational structure, which calls for the retirement of 1,800 employees. Net income in the third quarter rose to NIS 148m., from NIS 161.9m. during the same period last year. The phone monopoly said rev-

enues from telecommunication services in the third quarter fell to NIS 2b., from NIS 2.2b. during the same period last year.

In a statement, Bezeq said the decrease in revenues was primarily due to a decline in revenues from international telecommunication services as a result of the opening of the market to competition during the third quarter. Analysts said the results were

within expectatious. "Overall I don't feel surprised by the numbers," said Debra Kodish, a telecom analyst at Zamex Sections: In the continuational market they said hold risks market share and I believe that

they can maintain 50 percent of the market. Even if they hold 45%, they can handle the situation." Bezeq CEO Ami Erel emphasized the increase in activity in the

domestic and cellular sectors. The company said that the new organizational structure is expected to save approximately NIS 400m. in expenses each year.

Kodish said she is satisfied with the steps the company has taken. The management took very aggressive steps to increase the operating profits and in making the company more efficient."



Two South Korean women pass by a bank advertisement displaying happier times in Seoul. South Korea has asked the International Monetary fund for \$20 billion to get through a short-term debt crisis that has pushed a number of banks to the brink of insolvency. See Pages 6, 20.

EU, Israel reach juice agreement

By DAVID HARRIS

The European Union and Israel reached an agreement over the weekend that ends the four-year dispute over Israeli orange juice exports to the EU, according to a statement issued by the Customs and VAT Authority.

At the end of talks in Brussels between EU officials and an Israeli team headed by Customs and VAT Director Motti Ayalon, the sides issued a joint statement, which said the talks were held in a "positive atmosphere" and a series of steps for "concrete action" had been agreed between the participants. The agreement should allow for

the early withdrawa of the EU natice advising all European importers that all Israeli goods could be in breach of trade stipulations, according to the statement.

The disagreement arose after the EU alleged Israeli fruit juice manufacturers were mixing Israeli juice with Brazilian juice before packaging and export to Europe. The manufacturers' representatives strongly deny this, maintaining the EU has no evidence to back its accusations.

Prior to the meeting, the EU demanded Israel hand over proof of country-of-origin documentation for all orange juice exports between 1991 and 1995, but the

impossible task. The European negotiators backed down and only 15 to five. requested the details from June

1995 until the present. Eventually, the sides agreed the Customs Authority would supply the data for June to December 1995, no later than January 10. In response the EU civil servants promised to do their utmost to withdraw their warning notice within 30 days of receiving the

information they are demanding. Juice manufacturers have told Ayalon that any retroactive fines for alleged illegal exports to the EU could kill the industry. During the 1990s sales have fallen from

number of factories falling from On the wider front, Israeli led exporters. Manufacturers Association, had expressed their concern that the

EU warning to importers could cause severe economic damage. The trade deficit with the EU totaled \$6.7 billion last year, 72% of Israel's overall deficit, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. The two sides have made an

effort to reduce that gap with this year's signing of agreements on public procurement and telecommunications.

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present an updated version of the master plan for railways, the Interior Ministry announced.

The new version is the initiative of the Planning Anthority and Israel Railways. Its purpose is to ensure the maintenance of railway paths and allow for greater flexibility in railway planning, on the assumption that this will speed up the implementation of rail transport development

The principal changes include allotting a "planning strip" whose purpose is to ensure the future use of land required for all kinds of railway lines, and a "rail strip," which is the land required for the railways themselves, to be allocated after detailed preparation of the plans. The width of the strip has been significantly decreased and is uniform.

for all types of railway track. The ministry said the new propos als should allow for greater flexibility in planning both the lines themselves and the accompanying infrastructure.

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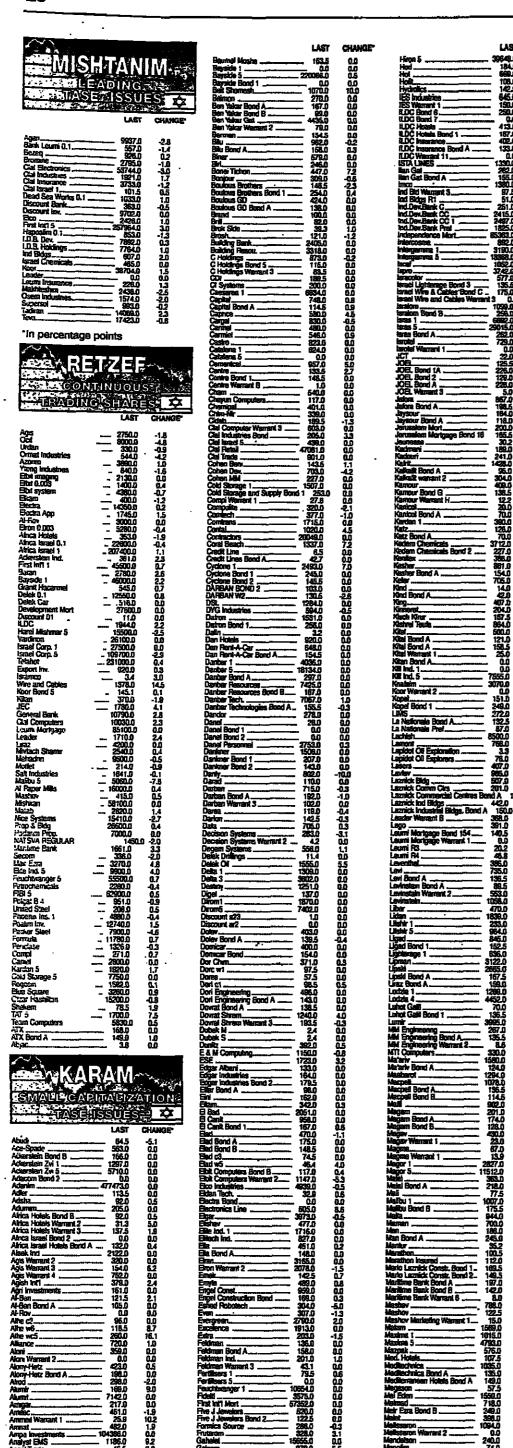
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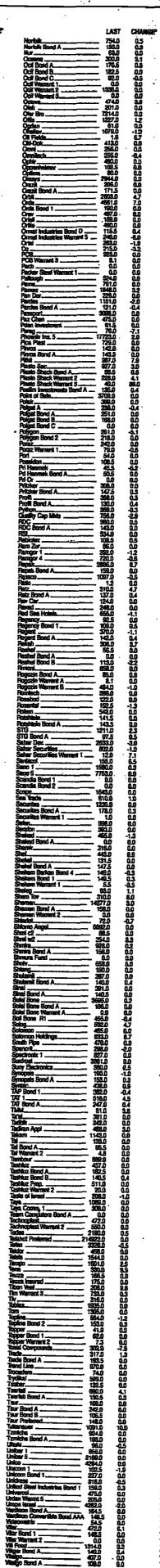
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TASE mixed after rise on Wall Street

Stocks closed mixed after Wall Street rose in holiday-shortened trading Friday, as Bezeq and Elite Industries Ltd. posted third-quarter results, and the government approved a redeployment in the West Bank.

The Maof Index eased 0.14 percent to 295.88, the Mishtanim Index slipped 0.08% to 285.58 and the Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index moved up 0.24 to

Bezeq and candy and coffee maker Elite posted "good results," said Jonathan Dollberg, head of sales at Sahar Securities. "There are a few good signs for stocks," including the cabinet approval of a second troop withdrawal from the



expected earnings.
Bezeq rose 0.25% as the company reported net income fell 8% on 10% lower revenue. This summer, the company faced competition in long-distance service for the first

Elite Series 5 shares jumped 4%.

Elite's net almost tripled as sales dropped 15%.

Israel's top three banks based on assets saw their shares fall. Bank Hapcalim shares fell 1.25%, Bank Leumi dropped 1.5%, and Discount Bank slipped 0.5% to

Koor Industries Ltd. rose 1.5% and its Tadiran Ltd. subsidiary each rose 2.25% shekels. Koor American depositary receipts advanced 1.4% and Tadiran's gained 2.3% on Wall Street on Friday, in half a day's trading after

the US Thanksgiving holiday. "I see no extreme moves to either direction" this week, said Dan Kitri, senior consultant at Otzarot, a subsidiary of Bank Otzar Hahayai.

IMF: Asia will gain from crisis

Asia's troubled economies will emerge stronger from their financial crises as they apply approprieconomic International Monetary Fund Director-General Michel Camdessus said yesterday.

"Now, we are in a vicious circle of no trust," said Camdessus in a speech to the IESE business school in Barcelona, Spain. "With the IMF programs that are already being applied in Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and will be working in Korea soon, plus the reforms in Japan's banking sector, trust will

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over that government's books to piece together a bailout package of about \$20 billion, the third in as many months. The IMF has already pieced together \$17.2b. for Thailand and \$23b. for Indonesia this year.

The economic trouble in Southeast Asia has led to the depreciation of the region's currencies, something which could help their economies in the short term, Camdessus said.

"Southeast Asian currencies have fallen below what is reasonable. But I'm sure that when trust returns, their exchange rates will rise. In the short term, though, these countries will benefit from exchange-rate competitiveness,

South Korea's request for \$20b. in international aid could grow to as much as \$80b., according to some analysts. South Korea's Finance and Economy Minister Lim Chang Yuel has acknowledged that aid may have to exceed

the sum requested. As the economic leader in the area and the world's secondlargest economy, Japan should play a role in stabilizing the region, analysts said, even as it tackles troubles in its own financial system. Last week Yamaichi Securities Co. collapsed under the weight of \$2.6b. in losses it hid for years from investors and regula-(Bloomberg)

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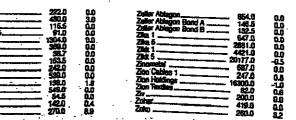
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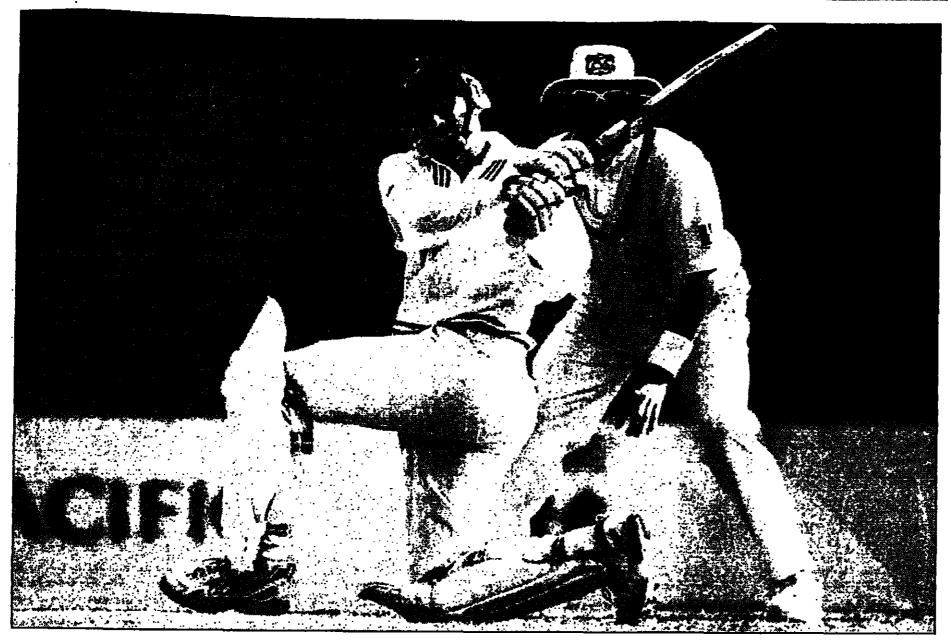
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Horne hits debut ton as Kiwis opt for surprise declaration

HOBART (Reuters) - Recalled New Zealand opener Matthew Home scored his debut Test century yesterday, shoring up another wobbly New Zealand batting effort and ensuring his team would avoid a 3-0 series defeat by Australia.

Home's disciplined innings of 133 even gave New Zealand the chance to push for vic-

They made a surpise declaration at 251 for six half an hour before stumps on the fourth day of the third Test, which may resurrect a match which was meandering to a draw

Australia were 14 without loss at the close, hoping to rattle on another 100 or so early on the fifth day to set New Zealand a reasonable target. Having made 400 in the first innings, Australia have a lead of 163.

A day and a half of the Test has been washed

New Zealand's enterprising declaration gave them an opportunity to salvage something from a series in which they have lost the

first two Tests. Earlier in the sessions before tea Home and wicket-keeper Adam Parore produced their team's best batting performance of the tour But their diligence was tarnished by a mid-

dle-order collapse more reminiscent of New Zealand batting efforts in the first two tests. Part-time medium pacer Steve Waugh took three wickets for two runs in a devastating 19-

ball spell either side of the tea interval. Five wickets fell for 37 runs before Chris Cairns and Nathan Astle steadied the ship late in the innings.

Home displayed great patience and a ruthless ability to punish anything pitched short on a flat, slow Bellerive Oval.

The 27-year-old New Zealander brought up his maiden Test century with a touch of elegance, dabbing a short, wide ball from paceman Simon Cook through the gully for four. The century in his sixth Test came from 188 balls in 243 minutes and included seven fours and the one six. It was his 10th Test innings

and his first on this tour. Home was brought into the team in Hobart at the last minute after first-choice opener

Blair Pocock failed a fitness Test with a broken bone in his foot. His century was the only one by a New Zealander in the series and his 132 with Parore

also broke the record for the highest second-

wicket partnership by New Zealand against Australia, surpassing the unbroken 128 reached by Andrew Jones and John Wright in Wellington in 1989/90.

India-Sri Lanka Play was abandoned on the fifth day of the second Test between India and Sri Lanka in Nagpur yesterday because of incessant rain. The rain has washed away nearly two and a

half day's play since Friday afternoon. On Friday, India ended their first innings. piling up 485 runs all out, eight minutes before lunch. The rain took over soon after, washing away the day's play. On the first day, 178 minutes of play was lost due to rain and poor light.

Only one innings' play could be completed in the last three days because of rain and poor light, after Indian skipper Sachin Tendulkar won the toss and elected to bat.

Scores: India 485 all out (Navjot Sidhu 79, Rahul Dravid 92, Mohammad Azharuddin 62, Saurav Ganguly 99, Anil Kumble 78, Pushpakumara 5-122, Vaas 2-80) The first Test at Mohali near the north Indian city of Chandigarh ended in a draw.

The third and final Test begins on Wednesday in Bombay.

In Rawalpindi, Aamer Sohail hit a chancy half century as Pakistan scored 122 for two in reply to West Indies first innings total of 303

on the second day of the second Test. Brian Lara dropped a waist-high catch in the first slip off medium fast Ian Bishop with Sohail on 38 and the home team scored 76 for

Lara missed a sitter in the first Test at Peshawar when he floored an easy catch of Inzamamul Haq at the same position which cost them dearly as West Indies lost the match

by an innings and 19 runs. Bad light once again brought an early end to the play Sunday - 14 overs before schedule with Sohail surviving on 62 and Haq unbeat-

Earlier, Shivnarine Chanderpaul missed an ideal opportunity to score his second Test century but played a key innings of 95 in West Indies' reasonable first innings total of 303.

Chanderpaul, the 23-year-old left-hander, hit 13 boundaries during his 267 minutes in the center and faced 154 balls. He remained in nervous nineties for 35 minutes before paceman Waqar Younis had him leg before in his fifth over with the second new ball.

Merseyside misery continues for Everton

By ALAN BALDWIN

LIVERPOOL (Reuters) - A picture of Croatian international Slaven Bilic was splashed on the front of the official Everton club magazine on Saturday over the caption "Why I won't run away." He may not be, but the goals, the luck and the Premier League points have scampered down the road and over the horizon for a once-great club at the bottom of the league.

After Everton lost 2-0 at Goodison Park to fellow strugglers Tottenham Hotspur - another out-of-sorts member of English soccer's "Big Five" - several hundred fans refused to leave the ground shouting abuse at the beleaguered chairman Peter Johnson and demanding he leave

Repeated loudspeaker announcements from police for

the fans to go bome were ignored.
One announcement said: "You have made your protest, for the good name of Everton Football Club, please leave," but it took another 45 minutes for the fans to

Outside the stadium seyeral hundred chanted: "Johnson out, we want Johnson out. Where's the money gone?"

Officials had earlier denied reports that police had laid on a special escort for him as mere rumors, as spurious as reports earlier in the month that the club was about to be rescued by the super-

rich Sultan of Brunei. Everton, one of the 12 founders of the League in 1888, have been in the top flight since 1954 -

longer than any bar Arsenal. And in the 99 seasons of league soccer since the league started they have spent a record 95 in the top division. But for the first time for a generation, the realization is beginning to dawn among the blue half of Liverpool that relegation is a real possibility.

Everton have been in danger repeatedly in recent seasons but they have always managed to stay

Now the club, champions nine times, the last occasion as recently as 1987, European Cup Winners' Cup winners in 1985 and FA Cup winners in 1995, are in serious danger of going down.

There appears to be no sign of a rescuer, although a striker or any big name signing would help a team woefully lacking in firepow-

Former Evertonian Alan Ball, who won the league with the club 27 years ago, recently described Everton as "a house on fire, the walls are totally burned down and if the blaze isn't put out soon it is going to engulf the entire club." Kevin Ratcliffe, Everton's most successful captain in the 1980s,

wrote: "I think the squad is not big

the Premier League at the moment." A point adrift of Barnsley at the bottom, there is lirtle to suggest a brighter future.

Goalkeeper Neville Southall

and experienced enough to handle

was marking his 750th match for the club on Saturday but he was not celebrating.

Everton have not won away since December last year and there is not much encouragement to draw from the next match on December 6 at Leeds. Everton have not won there in the league since 1951.

Spurs, themselves in trouble after 16 games, were not particularly tough opponents despite it being the first match under new Swiss mskmaster Christian Gross.

They had, like Everton, lost their last four matches but Tottenham put their game together in the second half and were well worth their 2-0 win in the end.

Swiss defender Ramon Vega fittingly scored the first goal of the Gross era with a header in the 72nd minute.

Frenchman David Ginola then made it 2-0 in the 76th rounding off an outstanding build-up with a fine individual goal.

Gross was delighted, Tottenham boss Alan Sugar was pleased after slamming his men on Friday

Some don't deserve to wear the shirt...My opinion is that the demise of the club is because of a lack of team spirit," Sugar was quoted as saying in Saturday's newspapers.

Gross started his first news conference in charge by politely disagreeing with the chairman.

The chairman is the chairman of the club, but I am in charge of the team and I don't believe he said such things. All I can say is that I was delighted with the effort

"I want the players to live up to the badge, the cockerel. It shows fighting spirit and pride, and that is what my players must show, and they did today."

Everton manager Howard Kendall, a Goodison hero appointed manager for the third time in June, was meanwhile asked jokingly if he had total confidence in his chairman.

"I feel for the players and I feel for the man whose name is being chanted outside as well," he said. Bilic, who moved from West Ham in the summer because he

chance of winning honors, might well, as he says, be staying. But the fans who stayed on Saturday also had a message. A very angry message.

wanted to join a club with more

Big clubs like Everton and Tottenham are not immune from failure. Big clubs can go down, and, as Manchester City, for one, are discovering, it can be a very

Bjorkman inspires Swedish Davis Cup success

By JANET RAE BROOKS

GOTHENBURG (Reuters) -Jonas Bjorkman punched the air, jumped into partner Nicklas Kulti's arms and danced ecstatically around

the Scandinavium court.
The 25-year-old Swede had just led his country to their sixth Davis Cup title and taken a big step towards joining the ranks of Swedish tennis greats such as Bjorn Borg, Mats Wilander and Stefan

Edberg. How did he feel? "Easy question," he answered with a broad smile. "Perfect. Can't feel much better.

Everything has been going so much better than I was hoping when I started this year." What a difference a year has made

for both Bjorkman and Sweden who lost 3-2 to France in the 1996 final in Malmo and said goodbye to Davis Cup stalwart Edberg.
Against France, Bjorkman and Kulti lost their doubles match to

Guy Forget and Guillaume Raoux,

with Bjorkman dropping his serve

four times and making frequent unforced errors. Then Kulti, chosen ahead of Bjorkman to replace the injured Edberg in the second reverse singles, fell in a five-set marathon to of the most personable players on Amaud Boetsch.

Sweden's glory days, which began in 1975 when Bjorn Borg piloted his team to victory over Czechoslovakia, appeared to be over. But Bjorkman had other ideas and in the past 12 months has admirably filled the gap left by the retirement of Edberg.

Sweden, a country of eight million people, has now contested 10 finals since the Davis Cup world group was instituted in 1981 - two more than the US. Not even the most optimistic

coach could have charted Bjorkman's spectacular rise from 69th in the ATP singles ranking in January to a career-high fourth by November. His accomplishment ensured that

at least one Swedish player has ranked in the top 10 every year since On Friday, Bjorkman gave Sweden a crucial 1-0 lead against the US by downing Michael Chang

in the opening singles, then sealed victory by combining with Kulti to beat Todd Martin and Jonathan Stark in Saturday's doubles. "A lot of times I felt it was never going to work," said Bjorkman, one

the ATP tour. "But a lot of people around me believed in me and pushed me." Known previously as a hustler

with a powerful two-handed backhand and a tendency to collapse at crucial moments, Bjorkman has developed this year into a rounded player with an improved serve, a better forehand and more fluid movement. He is now viewed as one of the best returners in the

Winning his first three singles titles this year - in Auckland, Indianapolis and Stockholm - has also ratcheted up his on-court confidence and mental toughness. He has won 70 matches this year, more than any other player.

One of Bjorkman's latest victims had his own explanation of how the son of a Vaxjo postman had become so difficult to beat.

"First and foremost, it's his feet," said Martin. "He's very aggressive and he's fast. He's got good balance. All of his quickness is utilized in forward motion. "That puts him in the correct spot

on the court almost every time. On top of that, he sees the ball well and

After watching him defeat world No. 3 Chang at the ATP championships earlier this month, John McEnroe rated Bjorkman as probably the quickest man close to the net after US Open champion Patrick

Rafter. But as he proved against Chang on Friday, Bjorkman can also win from the baseline.

Showing more emotion on court than most Swedish players, Bjorkman also has a talent for comedy, which he puts to good use mimicking the styles of tennis greats. Bjorkman, who like all three of

his Swedish teammates lives in the tax haven of Monte Carlo, added one additional element to his game this year after Sweden beat South Africa in April's quarterfinals.

After some prodding by doubles partner Kulti, Bjorkman provoked laughter from the hometown crowd in Vaxjo by lifting up his right leg with his right hand and taking a giant step forward, the signature move of a Swedish comedy group. Fittingly, the new top man of Swedish tennis led the Swedish team and a pantheon of retired heroes in a similar mid-court salute on Saturday to acknowledge the applause of 11,000 delirious fans.

Venables' future in doubt after Aussie World Cup failure

MELBOURNE (AP) — Truy Venables appears certain to move on to a high profile European club team after failing to lead Australia into the World Cup in a hearthreaking qualifying loss to Iran.

MCG on Saturday to take the last of 32 places in the World Cup draw on the away goals rule with a 3-3 Venables, whose previous sudden-death game ended in similar pain when England lost the semifinal of the

European Championships, was paid a reported \$500,000 for an 18 month contract. It was money Soccer Australia could barely afford.

but it backed up by ploughing extra funds to suit Venables' every whim. Soccer Australia chairman David Hill said Venables would be offered an extended contract but there

appears to be little left for him here. Venables, who has been linked in the media with Liverpool, Everton and Benfica, was coy about his future in the gloom of Saturday's exit.

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"I don't know hi's not the right time at the inoment." I don't feel too bright myself," was his only direct comment on the matter. Hill said, "He's done absolute wonders for its."

"We not only want Terry to stay on but we want to talk to him about extending his stay beyond the middle of next year, when his current contract expires. "His record is remarkable. He's a wonderful bloke. and a wonderful coach and we want more of him not:

Venables was in charge for 14 matches, winning)2 and getting draws in the other two - both against trait.

He was criticized for continuing to attack on Saturday when the hosts led 2-0 early in the second.

Karion Bagheri pulled one back after 75 minutes and five minutes later the panicked Societies allowed Khodadad Azizi to nm through and beat Aston Villa Iran grabbed a 2-2 draw in front of 85,000 fans at the goalkeeper Mark Bosnich in a top- on- one.

MCG on Saturday to take the last of 32 places in the "The players on there were playing well," Venables

"I was thinking about a change, in fact we were just getting ready for it. But when they scored the goal we panicked about it, worried about it and just dropped

Australian captain Alex Tobin was so crushed he

could not speak.

Tobin, the only Australian-based player in the statiing linem, scored an own goal four years ago as
Australia bowed out to Argentina in the final qualify-Striker Graham Arnold, 34, a veteran of four cam-

paigns, had already announced he would quit international soccer if Australia lost: Southampton's Robbie Slater, 33, is another whose World Cup days look to be behind him after three

tiempts West Ham United's Stan Lazandis was Australia's best raising havor down the left flank in the first balf.
"I'm shattered," said Lazaridis, who was picked up
off the turf by a policeman five minutes after the rest of

the team had produced to the rooms.

"It's a nightinare. Please someone shake me."
In han, millions of fans danced in the streets to celebrate their design.

Bagheri's family home in Tabriz was the site of a

joyful celebration, the Iranian news agency reported, "to express their gratitude and flank Baglieri's family for Karim Bagheri having netted the first goal."

Paralympic volleyball star made Hall-of-Famer

By TON TUGEND

ICS ANGILES - Hagai Zamir, issued handicapped volleyball star, who has such than Paralympics. Wield Cap and Paropean Cup gold

four Americans: Mary Levy, who coached the NFL Buffalo Bills to four consecutive Super Bowls (1990-93); David Stern, NBA Commissioner since 1984; Corporal Izzy Schwartz, world Wield Cop and Puropean Cop goal

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1927-29, and A.J. Liebling, celebrated author and New Yorker
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the 1930s to the 1950s.

The 1998 iconorces also include

Also elected were Russia's Vera Krepinka, winner of the 1960 Olympic gold medal in the long jump; Okey Geffen, South Africa's fabled rugby international and Gyorgy Szepesi-Friedlander, Hungary's broadcasting icon since

The International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame is located on the campus of Wingate Institute.

MELBOURNE (AP)

Rising English star Lee Westwood stole the Australian Open from Greg Norman on the fourth playoff hole yesterday as the world No. 1 suffered another monu-

mentai crash. Norman, the only player to lose all four majors in a playoff, was cruising with a two shot lead with two holes to play before suffering bogeys but missed to finish the 18 agonizingly, for a tap-in par,

at the 17th and 18th. He missed a putt from five feet on the fourth playoff hole

for a bogey to Westwood's "I'm disappointed, of course I am," said Norman. "But I wasn't really in sync, I

didn't have a whole lot of rhvthm." Norman had a putt for vic-

holes level with Westwood at which Norman matched 14-under par 274.

Both players had fours at Westwood missed a chance to win the game when his long birdie putt pulled up inches short and Norman recovered

well from a bunker. On the second, Westwood hit a putt from 60 feet into tory from 10 feet on the last the flag and it bobbled out,

Westwood beats Norman in playoff to win Australian Open

Norman nearly chipped in the first playoff hole as for a win on the third but his shot ran inches wide.

On the fourth Norman hit a fairway bunker but blazed a five iron 20 feet away from the pin, right next to

Westwood. Westwood, who picked up \$132,500 for the win, held firm to sink his second putt.

Jordan's 29 helps Bulls rally past Wizards

LANDOVER (AP) - Michael Jordan scored 29 points and the Bulls rallied from a 17-point deficit to beat the Washington Wizards 88-83 Saturday night in the final NBA game at the US Airways Arena.

The Bulls led by three before two straight baskets by Jason Caffey and a free throw by Jordan made it 80-72. After Chris Webber scored for Washington, Toni Kukoc hit a 3-pointer for an 83-74 lead with 3:48 left.

A seliout crowd of 18,756 was treated to a halftime ceremony that included 11 of the finest players to wear a Washington uniform including Earl Monroe, Kevin Porter, Bobby Dandridge, Rick Mahorn and Wes Unseld - and the lowering of the team's championship banner from the 1977-78 season. The banner will be among those hung from the ceiling of the new MCI Center in downtown Washington, where the Wizards will begin play tomorrow night.

Washington went 576-369 in the arena originally named the Capital Centre, but is 0-5 at home this season and has lost seven of eight

The Bullets got 22 points from Juwan Howard and 21 from Chris Webber, who missed most of the first half with a cut eyelid he received when Jordan fouled him on a rebound. Rod Strickland had 15 points and 12 assists for Washington.

Knicks 102, Suns 80 Host New York and its leagueleading defense held Phoenix to just 10 points in the first quarter and 45 points below their road

John Starks scored 22 points, including 14 in the second quarter, Patrick Ewing added 21 and Allan Houston had a season-high 21 for New York, which completed a sweep of the two-game season series with its second blowout of Phoenix in 23 days.

The Knicks, who held Phoenix to its season-low point total in a 105-75 victory November 6, had their eighth victory margin of at least 20 points.

Jason Kidd, who had 11 assists to surpass 2,000 for his career, scored 10 points but shot just 3for-14 for Phoenix.

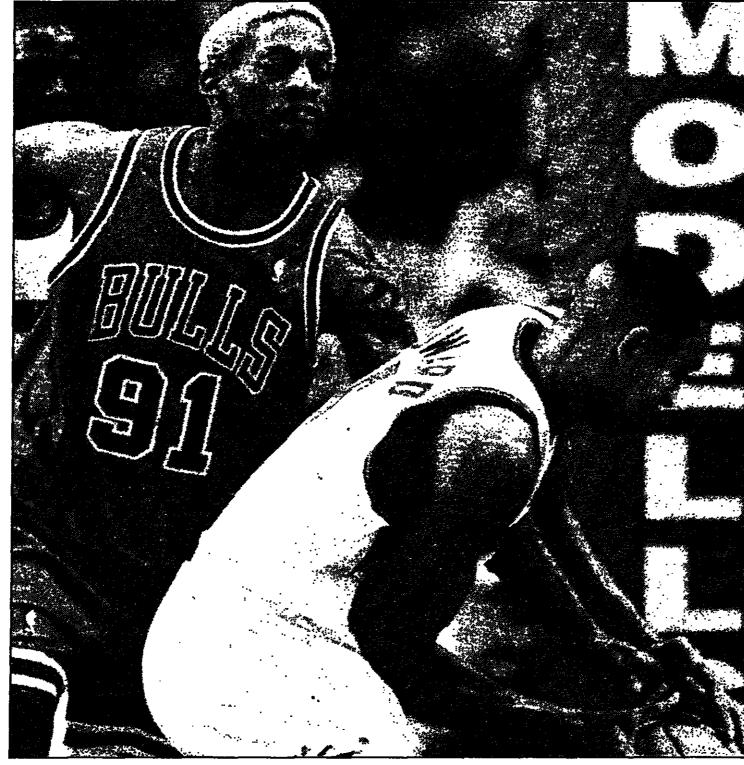
Bucks 93, Heat 87 Ray Allen scored 24 points and Terrell Brandon added 19 as Milwaukee snapped a 17-game

losing streak against host Miami. The Bucks beat Miami for the first time since January 1993 and ended the Heat's six-game home winning streak by outscoring them 7-1 over the final 2:53.

Tim Hardaway led Miami with 26 points and Isaac Austin had 23 points and 10 rebounds.

Hawks yo, Hornets ou Steve Smith scored 23 points in his first game back in host Atlanta's lineup and Christian

Laettner added 20. Smith, who missed two games with back spasms and another because of a death in the family, scored 10 points in the third quar-



SLAP HAPPY - Bulls' Dennis Rodman is called for a foul after trying to slap the ball away from Wizards' Juwan Howard in second-quarter action. Chicago won, 88-83.

ter as the Hawks built a 13-point lead after three.

Dikembe Mutombo added 14 rebounds and Mookie Blaylock had nine assists as the Hawks improved to 13-2 overall and 8-1

Glen Rice was the only Hornet to score in double figures with 19

Cavaliers 103, Celtics 97 Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 16 points and host Cleveland won a sloppy game with 51 turnovers and 54 fouls.

Shawn Kemp's triple-double -18 points, 11 rebounds and 10 turnovers - typified the helter-

won their fifth straight despite a team-record 32 turnovers against Boston's pressure defense. The Celtics lost their third in a row.

Boston, playing without injured center Travis Knight, got 24 points from Antoine Walker. Ron Mercer Timberwolves 106

Grizzlies 87

Tom Gugliotta scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as host Minnesota built a 34-point firsthalf lead and coasted.

Stephon Marbury had 14 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds for

skeller matchup of the NBA's two the Wolves, who snapped a five-youngest teams. The Cavaliers game losing streak Chris Carr had game losing streak. Chris Carr bad points and Kevin Garnett had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Spurs 96, Mavericks 87

Avery Johnson scored eight of his 16 points during a 31-15 thirdquarter run for the host Spurs. David Robinson scored points and graphed 12 rebounds against an overmatched Samaki Walker, who was making his first career start at center for Dallas. Rookie Tim Duncan added 17 points and 14 rebounds for San

Antonio.

jumper with 23 seconds remaining lifted visiting Utah.

Malone scored 16 of his seasonhigh 42 points in the fourth quarter and pulled down 18 rebounds. Malone's big shot gave Utah a 92-91 lead. Jeff Homacek, who added 17 points for the Jazz, made two free throws with six seconds left to complete the scoring.

Pooh Richardson missed an offbalance 3-point shot which would have tied the game, and the ball bounced back to him, but the buzzer sounded before he could get off another shot.

Jazz 94, Clippers 91 Eric Piatkowski, making his first
Karl Malone's fallaway 10-foot start of the season, led the Eric Piatkowski, making his first

Late power play wins for Avalanche

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Clippers with 20 points and a career-high 13 rebounds.

Rockets 107, Warriors 100 Charles Barkley had 43 points and Houston scored 27 straight points starting late in the second period as Golden State remained winless at home.

Barkley had 15 of his points as

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the Rockets held Golden State scoreless for nearly nine minutes during a run that turned an 18point deficit into a nine-point

The Warriors, who led by as many as 19 points in the second period, are 0-5 at home and 1-13

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New York 12-5-3—20. Goalies—St. Louis,
McLennan 3-3-0 (19 shots-18 saves). New York,
Fichaud 3-4-3 (36-34). A—16,297

GREENSBORO (AP) - Adam Deadmarsh scored on a power play with 6:35 left to cap a three-goal third-period rally as the Colorado Avalanche beat the Carolina Hurricanes 3-2 on Saturday

One of the best third-period teams in hockey lived up to its billing again. Deadmarsh, Sandis Ozolinsh and Uwe Krupp scored goals over the final 11 1/2 minutes to erase a 2-0 Hurricanes lead in a game the home team dominated until midway through the final period. 🕠 Bruins 1, Capitals 1

Tim Taylor scored at 9:19 of the third period as bost Boston rallied to tie the

Taylor tied the game with his ninth goal on a backhander from the slot as the Bruins rallied to pull out a tie for the fifth time this season. The last four game-tying goals have been scored in the third period after Boston entered the period trailing.

Peter Bondra scored his 19th goal at 11:28 of the first period on a shot from the left circle to give the Capitals a 1-0 lead.

Eric Fichaud stopped 34 shots and Sergei Nemchinov had two goals as New York won at home.

Trailing 3-0 in the final period, St. Louis got goals from Brett Hull and Jim Campbell, but Fichaud made several gamesaving stops in the third period to preserve the win for New York.

The most notable two of his 17 saves came at 10:25, when he kicked out Hull's one-timer and smothered the ensuing rebound attempt by Geoff Courtnall. He also watched Al MacInnis' slap shot hit off the left post with 5:44 to go. Nemchinov clinched the game with an empty-net goal with 28.1 seconds left.

Flyers 3, Lightning 3 Rob Zamuner, selected earlier Saturday to

the Canadian Olympic team, continued his potent play with a third-period goal to give host Tampa Bay a tie. Zamuner has six goals in his last five

games. The Lightning are 2-1-2 over that span after suffering through a franchiseworst 0-15-1 winless streak.

Penguins 6, Canadiens 3

Robert Lang scored his first two goals of the season as host Pittsburgh extended its unbeaten streak to seven games. In addition to the season-best 6-0-1 streak, the Penguins also have five consecutive wins. They beat Montreal on home ice

for the first time in nearly two years, ending the Canadiens' 3-0-3 run in Pittsburgh. Penguins goalie Tom Barrasso left the game with a bruised right shoulder at 8:01 of the second period. Barrasso was hurt making a save on Vincent Damphousse's shorthanded breakaway.

Blackhawks 3, Senators 2 Greg Johnson scored two goals to lift Chicago to an away win.

Johnson's second goal of the game and eighth of the season gave Chicago a 3-1 lead with 3:03 left in the third period when he beat goaltender Ron Tugnutt off Tony Amonte's rebound. Canucks 4, Maple Leafs 2

Mark Messier scored the winning goal just hours after being overlooked for the Canadian Olympic team and led Vancouver

Messier took a goal-mouth pass from Markus Naslund on the power play three minutes into the third period and scored his 17th point in the last 14 games to put Vancouver ahead 3-2.

It was Vancouver's fifth win in seven games since Mike Keenan took over as coach from Tom Renney.

Messier has been one of the hottest players in the league recently and extended his point streak to 10 games.

Stars 5, Coyotes 2
Mike Modano had two of Dallas' three power-play goals as the Stars won their second victory in three nights over the visiting

Kings 4, Devils 1

Luc Robitaille scored the go-ahead goal on a second-period breakaway as host Los Angeles completed a two-game sweep of Atlanta Division-leading New Jersey.

Vladimir Tsyplakov, Yanic Perreault and

Ian Lapertiere also scored to help improve the Kings' record to 9-0 when they've scored the first goal of a game.

Win over Auburn will put Vols in Orange Bowl

NEW YORK (AP) — This time, Peyton Manning gets to play in the SEC title game instead of watching it on TV.

"I've watched it every year and

I've always been real envious of the two teams playing," said Manning, who threw for 159 yards and one TD and ran for another in No. 3 Tennessee's 17-10 victory over Vanderbilt on Saturday. "I wanted to be a part of the game, and now we have a shot."
Barely. The Vols (10-1, 7-1

SEC) struggled for the third straight year against the Commodores (3-8, 0-8). Tennessee won 14-7 last year and 12-7 in '95, and Manning's TD pass was his first against Vandy.

I hope the players understand that's not the last stop," Tennessee coach Phil Fulmer said of winning the SEC East for the first time.

"We're looking to Atlanta." The Vols will play No. 13 Auburn (9-2, 6-2) next Saturday,

needing a win to move into the top alliance bowl - the Orange on January 2, where the likely opponent will be No. 2 Nebraska (11-0, 8-0 Big 12).
The Huskers, though, hung on

for a 27-24 win over Colorado on Friday and must beat No. 15 Texas A&M (9-2, 6-2) next Saturday to advance to Miami. Also Saturday, No. 4 Penn State

(9-2, 6-2 Big Ten) knocked itself out of an alliance spot with a 49-14 loss at Michigan State as Sedrick Irvin ran for 238 yards and three TDs and Marc Renaud had 203 yards and a TD. The Lions appear headed for a Citrus Bowl matchup against No. 7 Florida (9-2), while the Spartans

invite and could play Washington (7-4) or Southern California (6-5). While No. 1 Michigan (11-0) is set to play No. 10 Washington State (10-1) in the Rose Bowl, the

alliance lineup is far from set. With wins in their title games, the Comhuskers and Volunteers will play in the Orange. The Sugar Bowl probably will go for No. 5 Florida State (10-1) against No. 9 Ohio State (10-2),

while the Fiesta would go for No. 11 Kansas State (10-1) against No. 16 Syracuse (9-3), which won the Big East and an alliance spot with a 33-13 win over Miami on Saturday.

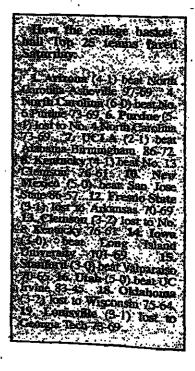
If the Huskers lose and the Vols win next week, the possible lineup could look like this: Florida State vs. Tennessee (Orange); Texas A&M vs. Ohio State (Sugar) and Nebraska vs. Syracuse (Fiesta).

look for: Nebraska vs. Florida State (Orange); Ohio State vs. Auburn (Sugar) and Kansas State vs. Syracuse (Fiesta).

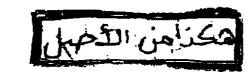
In other games involving ranked teams, it was: No. 14 Georgia 27, Georgia Tech 24, and Mississippi 15, No. 22 Mississippi State 14. Michigan State 49 No. 4 Penn State 14

The Host Spartans broke away from a third quarter 14-14 tie on a 19-yard scoring run by Irvin, followed 2:56 later by Todd Schultz's 8-yard pass to Irvin. No. 14 Georgia 27 Georgia Tech 24

At Atlanta, Mike Bobo (30 of 39 for 415 yards and four TDs) threw an 8-yard TD pass to Corey Allen with eight seconds left as the Bulldogs (9-2) won their seventh straight against Georgia.



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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The chamber music concerts at the Rubin Museum in Tel Aviv continue tonight (8:30) with the Flute Quartet playing flute music by Pleyel, Beethoven, Reger and Mozart. Leonard Bernstein Jerusalem Composition Competition reaches its finale tonight as the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra under Mendi Rodan plays three more new compositions that have reached the final stage. At the end of the concert (which starts at 8:30 at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem) members of the jury will announce the winner(s).

CINEMA

HELEN KAYE

The Italian Institute is presenting a month-long retrospective of films by Vittorio de Sica at the Haifa, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv cinematheques. The month starts with The Bicycle Thieves, one of the first postwar "new wave" films, tonight in Jerusalem at 7, to be followed tomorrow by Miracle in Milan at 9:30 p.m. Check your local cinematheque for titles and times

And the nostalgia series continues on Channel 2 after midnight with Ernst Lubitch's 1943 Oscar contender, Heaven Can Wait starring gorgeous Gene Tierney (before she became a femme fatale), as a Kansas miss.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Though in the US Frasier is entering its fifth fiancé arrives with wedding plans.



The cast of 'Frasier' is back with a fourth season on the Family Channel at 9:10 p.m.

> season,the fourth season is only now premiering here on Channel 3, tonight at 9:10. This intelligent comedy has received numerous awards, including multiple Emmys for the show and its cast, and the prestigious Peabody Award.

> Dr. Frasier Crane, played by Kelsey Grammer, is the insecure and pompous psychiatrist who has returned from his Boston base and broken marriage to his hometown of Seattle where he hosts a radio advice show.

> At home, Frasier's dreams of peaceful existence were interrupted when his brother, Niles, a snobbish, neurotic, rival psychiatrist, manipulated him into taking in their father, Martin, a gruff ex-cop injured in the line of duty. With Martin come his live-in therapist, Daphne Moon, his dog, Eddie, and his favorite reclining chair which clashes with absolutely everything.

In this season Niles and Frasier must deal with their father's obnoxious new girlfriend, while Niles continues to pine for Daphne and Frasier goes through a midlife crisis. In tonight's episode Niles poses as Daphne's husband when her ex-

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- 13 Unknown traitor about to declaim (4)
- 15 Pictures of fully-developed
- six-footers (8)
- 18 Finding a way to call
- up—quite touching (8)
 19 Relaxation in Battersea's Edwardian homes (4)
- 21 A discarded garment worn in Spain (6)
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- 27 Does one have a big bill, having let out clutch? (8)
- 28 Braise served up in Yugoslavia (6)

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- 3 Sharp encounter between professional mourners? (4,5)
- 4 Hilda is upset over a bloomer (6)
- 5 An attractive pointer (8,7) 6 A countryman is able to aid an organisation (8)
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- from Reykjavík (9) 17 Hair style for a school's
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- House of Lancaster (5) 24 Old people confined to bed
- want nice nightwear (5)



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20:30 Entertainment

22:00 On the Table

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23:30 Documentary

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14:00 Holy Koran 14:10 The Show with

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20:25 The Other Half 20:50 The Nanny 21:10 Frasier – new season 21:35 The Larry

Sanders Show 22:00 Yair Lapid Live

22:10 The Imagemaker (1986) --political farce about

22:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas 23:00 Seinteld - soventh season repeats 23:25 JAG 00:15 Hart to Hart

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an ex-presidential media adviser. With Michael Nouri 23:45 Purple Haze (1982, 96 mins.) – portrait of a young man expelled from

man expelled from college and his expe riences during the summer of 1968.

5:00 Open University

Pursuit of Space (rpt)

8:50 Visions of Heaven and Hell, part

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23:15 Homicide **MIDDLE EAST TV**

English 22:30 ER

7:90 TV Shop 14:30 Body Electric 15:00 Basic Training 15:30 The 700 Club 16:00 Larry King 17:00 Flying House 17:23 Wishkid 17:45 Sorie the 17:45 Sonic the Hedgehog 18:10 Beakman's comes to israel to marry a famous Yidosh singer but accidentally marries his meek twin brother World 18:35 Saved by the Bell 19:00 Showbiz

15:00 Parry Mason: The Ruthless Reporter (1991) - a particularly abrasive newscaster is murdered and lawyer Mason must defend a young TV reporter under suspicion. With CABLE Raymond Burr 16:25 New in the

Broadcasts will begin after cover-age of the Knesset sitting ends 18:00 Cartoons

18:30 Anger 17:30 Panorama 18:00 The Tyrant 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Are You Being 20:00 News 20:45 Sweet Killings - the perfect murder

turns into a night-mare when a bank manager who real-izes his dream of killing his domineer-ing wife finds himself hunted down by a comic-strip character. With Anthony Hopkins and Michael

cenary army which has gotten hold of nuclear weapons 1:15 The Dirt Gang

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20:00 A New Evening 20:30 Through Our

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E FAMILY

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■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

II MOVIE CHANNEL (4) 11:30 Love is All

Cinema 16:35 Ranger, Cook and a Hole in the Sky (1995) – the friend-

(1995) — the friend-ship between a turn-of-the-century forest ranger and his young disciple. With Sam Elliot 18-10 Color Me Perfect (1996) — a mentally retarded wmman is used as a

woman is used as a

guinea pig by a pair of doctors 19:45 Steal Big, Steal Little (1995) — a tale of twin brothers sepa-

eted in childhood

file. With Andy Garcia, Alan Arkin

and Ally Walker 22:00 Hidden in

America (1996) - a portrait of a laid-off

factory worker who is too proud to accept

charity from a well-meaning friend. With Beau Bridges 23:30 CIA 2: Target

Alexa (1993) - the

CIA pursues a mer-

(1972) - biker film with hit music from

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9:00 Adventures in Videoland

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19:30 World News Tonight 20:00 NHL Hockey NY Rangers vs Florida Panthers 23:00 The 700 Club 23:30 CNN

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22:15 The Rainbow three-part series based on the novel by D.H. Lawrence. Part 2 23:15 Entertainment

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Echo Point 16:00 Wonder Why 16:30 Scientific Eye 17:00 Charlotte -

Eyes 21:00 Promise Kept

12:50 Hart to Hart

17:10 Step by Step 17:30 The Flying Classroom 17:40 Lois and Clark 18:30 Hugo 19:30 Helen and the

National League Basketball live -University: The Constitution; Personal Ramat Hasharon vs. Finance: Interactions 21:00 Boxing 22:00 English League Soccer 23:00 NBA Action IN NBC EUROPE 6:00 Five Star 23:30 The Exciting World of Speed and Adventure 6:30 The Ticket Beauty 7:30 The McLaughlin **EUROSPORT**

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10:00 Motors Magazine 11:00 Ski Jumping 13:00 Bobsleigh 14:00 Alpine Skiing World Cup Combined Skiing 17:30 Ski Jumping Week 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Sport

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■ STAR PLUS

6:30 Star News

9:30 Dynasty

12:00 WWF

the Beautiful

21:00 Star News

21:30 The X-Files 22:30 Star Trek

2:30 Hindi programs

6:30 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Spanish

League Soccer 18:00 Showjumping

■ CHANNEL 5

18:30 National

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7:00 Oprah Wintrey 8:00 Fashion TV 8:30 Yes, Minister

10:30 The Bold and

11:00 Santa Barbara

13:00 The Wonder

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Weber, Mozart, Beethoven, Wagner, Verdi, Offenbach 13:00 Artist of the Week — Leonard Copland: Billy the Kid

RCA); Piano suite 14:06 Encore 15:00 Cycle of Works broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Radoslav Schubert Sonata in C minor; Smetana: Czech Dances;

Janacek: Sonata 1.10.1905; Dvorak excerpts from Poetic Scenes op 85; Chopin: Etudes op 25 19:00 Rainbow of Sounds 20:05 The Leonard Bernstein International Composing Competition – final round, with

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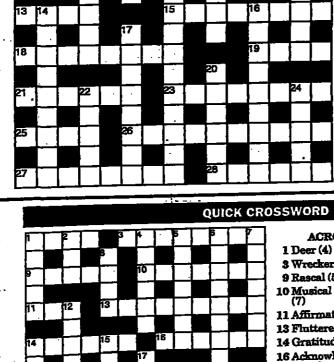
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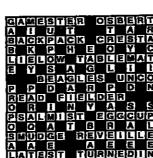
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Sweden sweeps

GOTHENBURG (AP) Sweden added insult to injury by winning both remaining singles yesterday and completing a 5-0 sweep of the US in the Davis Cup

Jonas Biorkman first routed Jonathan Stark 6-1, 6-1 in 47 minutes and then Magnus Larsson prevailed 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (6-8), 6-4 over Michael Chang.



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Chiefs end 49ers' win streak at 11

KANSAS CITY (AP) - Critics who said San Francisco built its club-record 11-game winning streak on a succession of softies may be right.

The Kansas City Chiefs dismantled the NFL's top-rated defense yesterday, handing the 49ers a 44-9 loss for their worst regular-sea-son defeat since a 45-3 loss to Detroit in 1967.

The Chiefs (10-3), hoping to overtake Denver for the AFC West lead and perhaps home field in the AFC playoffs, stunned the favored 49ers (11-2) by taking a 28-6 halftime lead.

By not allowing a second-half touchdown for the eighth straight game, the Chiefs put an exclamation mark on the lopsided victory with a safety and a touchdown return of an interception in the

Rich Gannon threw three touchdown passes and Marcus Allen had another on a halfback option, the first time the Chiefs had four touchdowns passes in a game since December 1983 against San Diego.

The 49ers have failed to score a touchdown in a game twice since 1991 - in both of this season's defeats. They fell in the opener at Tampa Bay 13-6, and they built their record largely on victories over the league's lesser teams. Bills 20, Jets 10

Despite their vast improvement this season, visiting New York still couldn't beat Buffalo.

The Buffalo Bills scored a firstquarter touchdown for the first time in 17 games, and Todd Collins hit Lonnie Johnson with a 62-yard TD in the fourth quarter.

Johnson, who had dropped three passes earlier in the game, caught the ball at the 40, ran over safety Victor Green and beat linebacker Dwayne Gordon to the end zone with 12:47 remaining.

Thurman Thomas gained 104 yards on 18 carries and moved into ninth place on the career rushing list with 11,325 yards.

The Bills (6-7) broke a threegame losing streak and beat the Jets (8-5) for the sixth straight time. A New York victory would have guaranteed the Jets their first winning season since 1988.

The Jets, who started the day in



RISON TO THE OCCASION - Kansas City WR Andre Rison hauls in a 45-yard pass from QB Rich Gannon in second-quarter action. The San Francisco 49ers Ron Woodson covers.

sole possession of first place in the AFC East, are now tied at the top with New England. Miami can make it a three-way tie by beating Oakland.

Buffalo scored a first-quarter touchdown on Collins 28-yard pass to Andre Reed 3:49 into the game. Steve Christie kicked field goals of 49 and 34 yards for the

Neil O'Donnell completed 25of-47 for 292 yards, including a

29-yard touchdown to Keyshawn Johnson that tied the game at 10 with 7:19 left in the third quarter.

Patriots 20, Colts 17 Drew Bledsoe is finding his touchdown touch in time to lead another New England Patriots stretch run toward the playoffs.

He threw two scoring passes after going two games without

one, and New England held on for a home victory. Jim Harbaugh's second scoring

pass, an 11-yarder to Sean Dawkins with 1:08 left, cut the lead to three, but the Patriots recovered the onside kick and ran

out the clock. The Patriots (8-5), who have six wins against teams with losing records, moved into a tie for the AFC East lead with the New York Jets, who lost to Buffalo. But New England has no soft spots in its remaining games at Jacksonville,

at home against Pittsburgh and at

Saints 16, Panthers 13 Picture Mike Ditka calmly strolling the sidelines and the New Orleans Saints taking relatively good care of the ball. Not only are both scenarios possible, they happened.

One week after a frustrated Ditka questioned whether he should continue to rebuild the team, the Saints scored 13 points off Carolina turnovers in a road victory.

Doug Brien kicked three field goals, including a 45-yarder with five seconds left, as New Orleans (5-8) won for the third time in four

Last night's results: New Orleans 16, Carolina 13 Kansas City 44, San Francisco 9 Buffalo 20, NY Jets 10 New England 20, Indianapolis 17 St. Louis 23. Washington 20 Philadelphia 44, Cincinnati 42 Jacksonville 29, Baltimore 27

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Hearts lead with 33 points and nine-time defending champion

Premier league scorers after yesterday's matches: 10 — John Hartson (West Ham), Domis

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Burley scored for Celtic.

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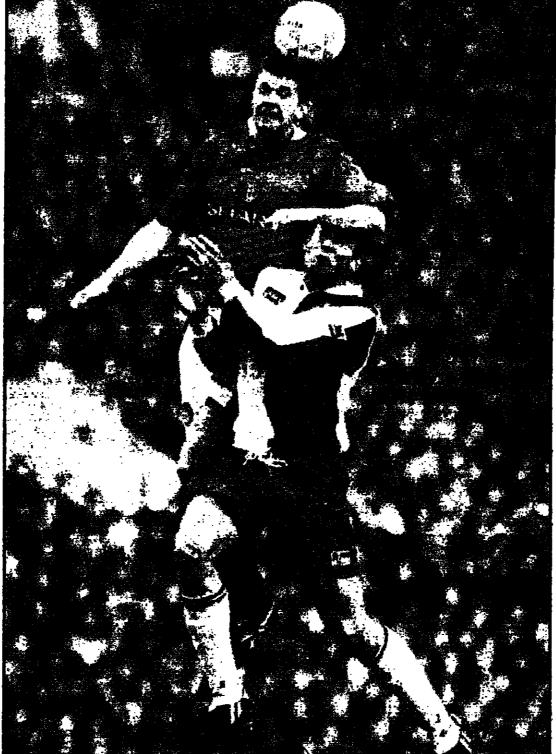
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Man. United keep Blackburn at bay Arsenal crash at



HEAD OF THE CLASS - Manchester United's Gary Pallister (above) is challenged by Blackburn

home to Liverpool Liverpool had only lost once in

LONDON (Reuters) - Arsenal's their previous five visits to Highbury and the victory belped restore sagging morale. They championship campaign hit trouble yesterday when they lost 1-0 at home to Liverpool as Manchester improved to seventh.

In Scotland, Celtic defeated
Dundee United 3-0 to hold third United took a three-point lead at the top of the English league. A spectacular shot from the edge

of the penalty area by England international Steve McManaman clinched victory for Liverpool and stopped their London rivals putting pressure on the leading three - United, Chelsea and Blackburn.

United romped to a 4-0 defeat of third-placed Blackburn with Ole Gunnar Solskjaer scoring twice. Blackburn had striker Chris Sutton sent off and contributed two own goals. Alex Ferguson's team are now

three points ahead of secondplaced Chelsea, who fired four goals past Derby on Saturday with Italian Gianfranco Zola scoring his first hat-trick in English soccer. Blackburn are one point behind

Chelsea in third.

Fourth-placed Leeds are another point back with Arsenal fifth, now seven points adrift. Rovers, without a league win at

Old Trafford in more than 30 years, lost top scorer Sutton in the 57th minute for his second book-But by then Norwegian forward Derby

Solskjaer had scored in the 17th and 52nd minutes. Solskjaer, United's leading marksman last season, has grabbed

five league goals in five full starts after injury kept him on the sidelines at the start of the season. Blackburn's misery continued in the 60th minute when Swiss Barnley international defender Stephane

Henchoz scored an own goal under pressure from Andy Cole and was completed five minutes from time when Jeff Kenna sidefooted in another. The Arsenal crowd were silenced by the brilliant 55th-minute strike from McManaman, who turned on

the left-hand corner of the box and

fired the ball into the top right-hand

corner of the net.

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